

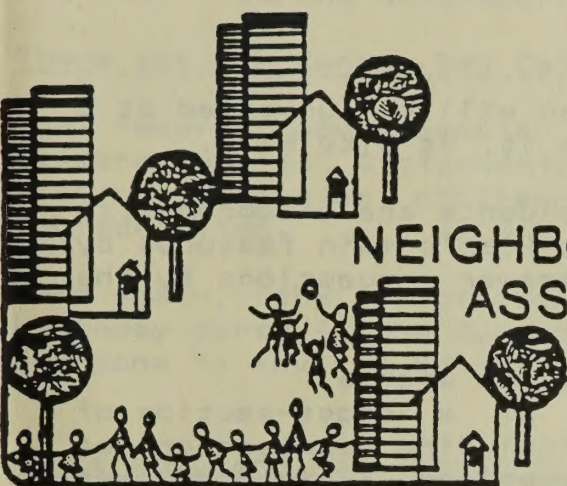
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NOTICE

OF

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 1987 Annual General Meeting of the Durand Neighbourhood Association will be held at 7 p.m., Monday, June 15, at City Hall. This business meeting, to which all are invited, will be followed by an official Public Meeting to review the new Durand Neighbourhood Plan. (See Page 2 for details)

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GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

Public Meeting Set for New Durand Plan

The proposed new Durand Neighbourhood Plan will be unveiled at a public meeting at 7:30 p.m., Monday, June 15, at City Hall.

The meeting, which all Neighbourhood residents are encouraged to attend, will include a description of the Plan's main features by City planning staff who will also answer questions by the public.

The draft plan was formulated in consultation with a citizens' advisory committee, composed of a cross-section of various interests in the Neighbourhood including representatives of the Association. In a series of meetings during the past year, the committee reviewed a wide range of topics and issues affecting the Neighbourhood such as housing, parking and traffic, social services, commercial development, recreation and park space.

The proposed Plan, expected to be adopted by Council in the coming year, will provide a blueprint for future development and quality of life in Durand in the next decade. Replacing the first Durand Plan, passed in the early 1970s, it will also be the first major revision of a Neighbourhood Plan in Hamilton.

Revised Goals for Association

The Durand Neighbourhood Association's Goals, first defined when the Association was founded 15 years ago, have been revised and updated. In making the changes, the Executive attempted to remain faithful to the basic ideals formulated by the Association's founders while bringing them into line with today's needs.

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Advocating preservation of older buildings of historical and architectural significance within the Neighbourhood.

Theme set for Canada Day Celebrations

The Federal Government's theme for this year's Canada Day celebrations is Citizenship, marking the 40th anniversary of a distinct Canadian citizenship and the 120th anniversary of Confederation.

Once again, the Association is planning to organize a Canada Day birthday party in the Durand Park with fireworks in the evening. Everyone is invited to join in the festivities.

Membership and Newsletter Procedures Improved

An improved method of acknowledging receipt of membership dues and donations has been adopted by the Association's executive.

In future, the Association intends to mail members and donors a written acknowledgment thanking them for their support. It is hoped that this confirmation will remove possible doubts about the Association's receipt of membership applications and contributions.

To facilitate distribution of the Newsletter, particularly to members in apartment buildings, it is intended in future to mail most Newsletters. Where it is convenient, some Newsletters will continue to be delivered by volunteers.

The Association also plans to revise its dues structure for the first time in many years. In future, there will be only two categories of membership, Full Membership for Neighbourhood residents, and Associate Membership (without voting rights) for non-residents. The annual fees in both categories will be \$3. (The optional \$2 surcharge for mailing has been eliminated).

Association Brochure Ready for Publication

In celebration of its 15th anniversary, the Durand Neighbourhood Association is publishing a brochure to provide useful background about the organization and to help attract new members. The brochure, in final stages of preparation, includes information about the Association's goals, history and ongoing activities.

Site Plan Application Procedures Shortened

A simplified procedure for approving Site Plan Control Applications now is in effect. Provided that applications have been approved by the Chairman of the Planning and Development Committee and the Ward Aldermen, applicants are not required to appear before the Committee.

Honorary Membership for David Hector

A lifetime honorary membership of the Durand Neighbourhood Association is being awarded to David Hector, the Association's auditor.

Although Mr. Hector lives outside the Neighbourhood, he has been a strong supporter of the Association's activities from its earliest days 15 years ago. The Association is extremely grateful for the advice he has given over the years and for the professional auditing services generously given to the Association by him and his company, Clarkson Gordon, chartered accountants.

Electoral Boundaries Redefined

The Durand Neighbourhood will be in a new riding when the new provincial electoral boundary changes take effect. It will become part of a redefined Hamilton Centre constituency instead of Hamilton West.

In forthcoming federal elections, Durand will remain part of a redefined Hamilton West riding. The Durand Neighbourhood Association's position, communicated to the respective electoral boundaries commissions, was that the Neighbourhood itself should not be split into different ridings as was originally proposed.

Proposals concerning ward boundary changes at the municipal level are also being discussed. One plan would increase the number of wards to 12, each with a single alderman, resulting in a split of the existing Ward 2. A four-member Board of Control would be elected at large.

Posting of Signs Required for Rezoning Bids

"Public Notice" signs now must be posted on all properties where an application has been received or are being considered by the City for rezoning and/or amendment to the Official Plan. This measure, effective May 6, has long been advocated by the Association as a means of keeping residents informed of proposed developments in the Neighbourhood.

Condominium and Office Conversions Approved

Approval has been given by the City to convert the existing rental units in two buildings at 210-212 Bay Street South into condominiums. In the 1970s, the Association successfully contested the projected demolition of these buildings at the corner of Robinson Street.

A go-ahead has also been given to convert the first floor of 131 Charles Street to law offices.

Report from Main Street -- Robb Webb, Trustee, Ward 2

During Education Week (April 27-May 1), I toured most schools in the Ward, including Central Public School and the site of its proposed new playground. The School hosted many parents and people from the community who met the new principal, Rick Clark.

Plans are well under way for the construction of a creative playground and the Home and School Association should be congratulated for driving the project ahead.

Board of Education is continuing with its affirmative action program to ensure that the best possible people are promoted and that the concept of equality of opportunity is shared in the classrooms. This is a program in which I am personally interested.

Should you have any questions about your Board of Education, please do not hesitate to contact me or your other Ward 2 Trustee, Lillian Vine.

Development Boom Welcomed but Raises Questions

For the first time in a decade, the skyline of the Durand Neighbourhood is about to undergo a dramatic change. Major new residential, commercial and institutional projects are either in the planning stage or are already under construction, including redevelopment of the Thistle Club property (an initial application was withdrawn May 13), new uses for the old Bank of Montreal and Library sites, and other projects at Main and Bay, Caroline and Jackson, and on Robinson and on Duke.

For the most part, the development boom is a healthy trend benefitting the well-being of the Neighbourhood and the City of Hamilton as a whole. However, questions have been raised about the intensity of the planned construction including whether there are adequate supporting services, such as watermains and sewers, ambulance, fire and police protection, classroom space in schools, or parking facilities. If they do not, fears have been expressed that the cost to provide them may exceed the anticipated increase in municipal tax revenues.

Expired Memberships

The last five issues of the Durand Newsletter have been distributed to all members of the Association with a customized mailing label. The first line of this label states the year of membership expiry. If the year on your label is 1984 or earlier, this will be your last Newsletter addressed to you and, unless your membership is renewed, your name will be deleted from our mailing list in fairness to other members.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
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NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____ APT # _____

CITY _____ Postal Code _____ Tel _____

Membership (includes hand-delivered newsletter within neighbourhood)

Durand household ☐ Please ☒

Non-resident ☐ \$3 per year ☐

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(Please ✓, write in others)

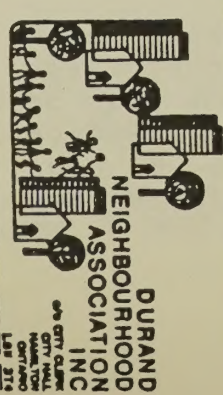
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OUR ASSOCIATION

The Durand Neighbourhood Association is a non-profit, politically-independent, provincially-incorporated organization. It is financially self-supporting through annual membership dues and contributions (non-charitable). New members are always welcome.

The Association holds an annual general meeting open to all.

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Membership (includes newsletter)

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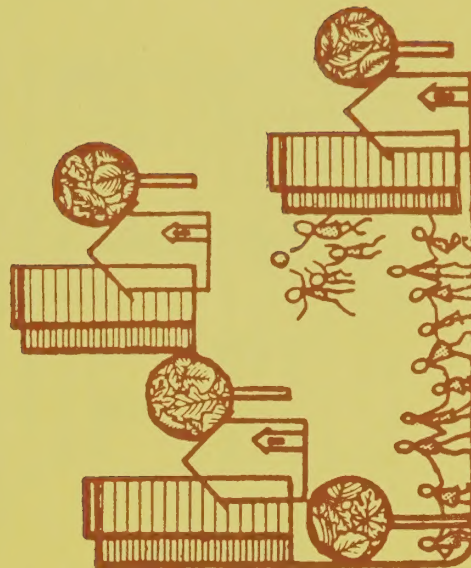
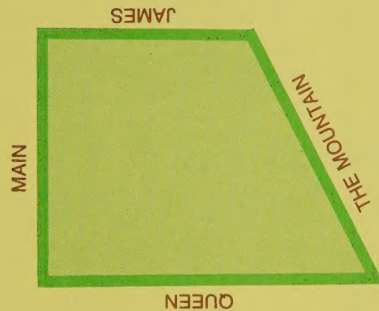
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Park Events	Traffic Parking	Neighbourhood Planning	Preservation Restoration
Public Transit	Schools	Public Meetings	Newsletter
Other _____			

I would like to be actively involved in the activities of the Association ☐



OUR HERITAGE

The Durand Neighbourhood Association came into existence in 1972 when a group of concerned residents organized themselves to try to stem and bring under control a seemingly unplanned surge of demolition of housing accompanied by massive high-rise development. Their initiative in defence of the integrity of their neighbourhood led to the establishment of Hamilton's first official neighbourhood plan and other measures to bring order to rapid change in the Neighbourhood.

Before long, their efforts to foster a planned environment resulted in creation of Durand Park, the first public green space in the interior of the Neighbourhood.

During the next decade, the Association became actively involved in many issues including keeping open and renovating the Neighbourhood school (Central), the oldest graded school in Ontario. The Association gave support to appropriately located commercial developments yet intervened to prevent an unsuitable shopping plaza in the centre of the Neighbourhood.

More recently, the Association has backed innovative uses of open space and of historic buildings, sponsored a study recommending that the Neighbourhood's alleys become an attractive walkway system, and was instrumental in the organization of a Neighbourhood Watch.

OUR ACTIVITIES

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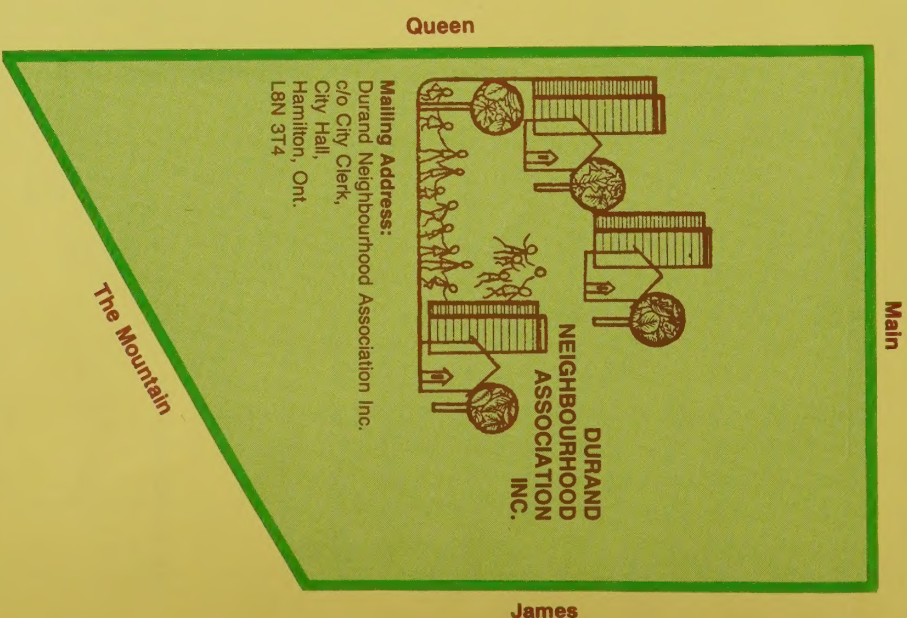
The Association publishes a Newsletter. It organizes public forums to discuss a broad range of community issues as well as convening public meetings prior to elections for all levels of government.

Municipal Issues

The Association was represented on city committees which formulated the first Durand Neighbourhood Plan, its revision, and also the first comprehensive plan for the entire Central Area and its update and implementation. It regularly monitors planning, traffic and recreation issues, attends City Hall meetings (Council, Committee of Adjustment, Planning and Development) and participates in Ontario Municipal Board hearings affecting the Neighbourhood. It maintains a liaison with other community organizations.

Durand Park

This oasis in the centre of the densely populated Neighbourhood has become a focal point of open-air community activities. The Association has arranged many events there including Canada Day celebrations, fireworks, skating parties, flea markets and concerts. It also helped pay for a children's playground, a drinking fountain and fitness circuit, and encouraged the City to install better lighting and Durand Park signs.



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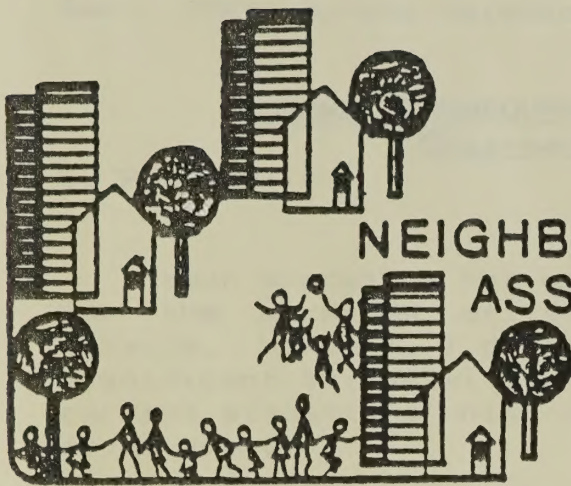
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NOTICE
OF
ALL CANDIDATES NIGHT

DATE:- Tues., Sept. 8, 1987

TIME:- 7:00 P.M.

PLACE:- Central Presbyterian Church, 165 Charlton St. West

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

DURAND NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING:

Chairman's Remarks June, 1987

by Peter Hill

Your executive has been quietly busy during the last year. For the purposes of this report, I shall not bore you with details. However, I'd like to mention several of the more significant things with which we concerned ourselves and identify current situations which carry a potential for our concern and involvement.

The most significant item this year was the revision of the Durand Neighbourhood Plan and in a few minutes we are to hear a presentation on this plan which will guide the development of Durand into the foreseeable future. Several members of your executive were involved: Bob Allan, Russell Elman, Janet Snelgrove, and myself as well as several interested citizens, including a former executive member, Carol Mason.

It was my first experience in revising a neighbourhood plan and I was particularly impressed by the active leadership given by my fellow Durand Neighbourhood Association representatives. As I sat at the more than a dozen meetings and listened to their wisdom, I was struck most of all by their dedication and their knowledge accumulated over fifteen years of involvement. In most of the City, citizens band together in times of common crisis. They usually disband afterwards only to come together at the next crisis, often under new leadership. There is no understanding of the inter-relationships between and among City and Regional committees and the rules and regulations which govern them - in other words, the bureaucracy.

In Durand this is not the case. In Durand we have achieved continuity; we have available a store of information; we have studied the system and use that knowledge as effectively as we can. We are lucky. Lucky to have had the original organizers we had, and today, to have such dedicated people on our executive. It has made my job as Chairman very easy and no-one involved would deny that our new neighbourhood plan bears their indelible and collective imprint.

Another concern was for bicycle and pedestrian traffic in Durand. To this end, we applied for and obtained a grant to commission a study of alleys in the Neighbourhood and presented it to the City. It outlined a beautification program which would create a system of pleasant bicycle and walking paths, away from traffic. Its time has probably not come but at some time in the future we hope to see a system like this in place.

The Thistle Club developments were monitored and we discussed the situation at several of our meetings. We are in

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favour of a thoughtful development on the property that preserves, as much as possible, the ambience of the area. We view the activity of the Thistle Club to be desirable but not essential. The new development must conform to the spirit of the new Durand Neighbourhood Plan.

We also considered at length how we can maintain our credibility when we appear before committees to present our concerns and ideas. We decided that the larger our membership, the more weight our opinions would carry. As a result, we embarked upon a plan which would encourage lapsed members to renew by mailing them two newsletters, each with an application form, and we created a brochure to attract new members. Tonight's Annual Meeting marks the initial distribution of this brochure. We also decided to keep our annual membership fee low at only \$3.00 per family. I would urge you to ask your friends to join. The larger our membership, the louder our voice.

Also, we have again arranged for Canada Day celebrations in the Park, including fireworks. Everyone is invited to this event on the evening of July 1.

Let me mention now a few things that will probably be occupying your executive over the next few months. Certainly the continuing saga of the Thistle Club. Definitely parking - and also security. You know there is too high an incidence of violence in our neighbourhood and this must be dealt with effectively. As well, we shall be monitoring City Hall activities, particularly the Planning and Development Committee.

It seems, too, that the TH&B station is being looked upon with increasing favour as the site for the Hamilton GO train station. If it does become the site, the impact on our neighbourhood will be major and of great concern to us.

And there will be more such items unknown to us at the present time, certainly more than enough for a volunteer executive.

And this brings me to my final point. If you feel you can help us in any way, please contact me. We need so much help that any time or talent you can give will be a Godsend. Remember, progress is made slowly and it is made more easily if everyone shares in the task.

New Executive

The following have been elected to serve on the 1987-1988 Executive for the Durand Neighbourhood Association:- Peter Hill, Brigita Dimitriou, Janet Snelgrove, Bob Allan, Graham (Skip) Snelgrove, Janet Black, Bruce Duncan, Russell Elman, Sandra Black and Sherwood Morrow.

ALLEY STUDY: LETTER

A letter was received following the public meeting of the Durand Neighbourhood Plan regarding the revamping of our alley's. The writer expressed concern regarding the elimination of existing flora. These comments are appreciated and will be forwarded to the Planning Dept. at City Hall.

CANADA DAY IN DURAND PARK

By Janet Snelgrove

At 6:00 PM, under sunny skies, our Chairman, Peter Hill, welcomed one and all and introduced our guests, the Hon Lily Munro, Min. Citizenship and Culture, Citizenship Court Judge Jean Gerrie, MP Peter Peterson, MPP Richard Allen, Ald, W McCulloch and Mayor R. Morrow who led the singing of O Canada and three rousing cheers for Canada's birthday. We enjoyed a few words from each of our guests then, our Canada Day Youth Award nominee, Alain Beaudin was presented with his well-earned award by Judge Gerrie and a special Trillium pin from Lily Munro.

Our guests then got down to the serious business of cutting and distributing the 5 foot long cake. Balloons, flags and crayons were given to the children who went to work creating posters with the Canada Day theme "Citizenship in the Nation and the Neighbourhood" while parents and friends enjoyed a display of Durand Neighbourhood Maps, including illustrations of our Alley Study, with Vanessa Grupe of the Planning Dept. there to explain it all and answer the many questions. As dusk settled, sparklers were distributed and we enjoyed a super fireworks display.

Our guests were charming, the cake gooey, the posters were gorgeous, fireworks dazzling and best of all, the Neighbours were so friendly. What a lovely way to celebrate Canada's 120th birthday and our Association's 15th birthday, in the nicest neighbourhood-Durand!

PRIZES FOR POSTERS

The following children have been awarded prizes for their posters done at the Canada Day celebrations:- Michael and Laura Carnes, Jamie Ball, Karen Aschenbrenner, Chris Bernardi, Jordana Ball, Andrea Campbell, Daniel, Tommy and Patti Garden, Herman Chang, Steven Ball, Darcy and Bryan Gibbs, Brian Callan, Bob Carnes, Lauren Hill, Tommy McDermott, Colin and Laura Haluik, Bill Lyons, Melissa Michaud, Jordana Matsos, Megan and Andrea Pepe, Mat Pitt, Hilary Mitton, Darcy Regan, Cassie Ross, E. and Adam McGirr, Rebecca, Chris and Carly Stallwood, Mark Sertic and Simon Toye. PRIZES may be picked up at McAuley's Big V Drug Store, 113 Herkimer St. Please come with one of your parents or some identification. You must pick up your prizes no later than October 1, 1987.

BLACK STONE LETTER

Black Stone Letter is a collection of letters and documents relating to the Black Stone, a small black stone which is one of the holiest objects in Islam. The letters are written in Arabic and are dated from the 10th to the 13th century. They are now in the possession of the British Museum.

CHARTER OF THE CITY OF LONDON

By David Cresswell

The Charter of the City of London is a document which has played a major part in the history of the city. It is a collection of laws and customs which have been in force since the 12th century. The Charter is a very important document for the city, as it gives the citizens of London the right to elect their own representatives to the City Council. It also gives them the right to hold their own courts and to make their own laws. The Charter is a very important document for the city, as it gives the citizens of London the right to elect their own representatives to the City Council. It also gives them the right to hold their own courts and to make their own laws.

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LETTERS OF THE BISHOP

The Letters of the Bishop are a collection of letters written by the Bishop of London from the 12th to the 15th century. They are a very important document for the city, as they give us a picture of the life and times of the Bishop. The letters are written in Latin and are now in the possession of the British Museum. They are a very important document for the city, as they give us a picture of the life and times of the Bishop. The letters are written in Latin and are now in the possession of the British Museum.

FOUND: Ring

A small ring was found after the Canada day celebrations. If you lost a ring contact us, by mail, with a description of the ring and we shall return it to you.

CORKTOWN AND STINSON

Residents of the Corktown & Stinson area are joining together to form a Neighbourhood Association similar to ours. The purpose of the group is to have a say in development proposed for the neighbourhood. The two communities have been awarded a \$900,000 grant for improvement in the area. We wish them every success.

GIVE BOOKS TO THE YWCA

The YWCA at 75 MacNab Street S. would appreciate any old books you want to get rid of. They will be sold in the pool area in order to raise money for the aquatic pool fund. This is an ongoing need, and books are appreciated at any time of the year.

GO:- EXPANSION TO HAMILTON

The Durand Neighbourhood executive met with the Study Team for GO to discuss the train system coming to Hamilton. In the fall information sessions will be held, to discuss preferred possibilities, based on their research. There will be more about this in our next newsletter.

A MESSAGE TO THE ASSOCIATIONS MEMBERS

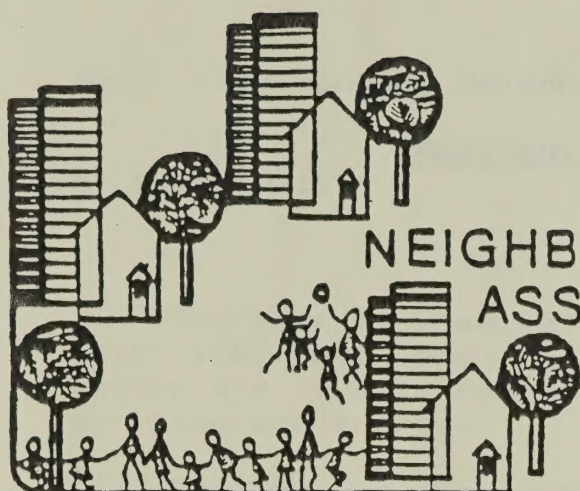
We hope that you will feel free to contact us by letter at our mailing address about any matter affecting the neighbourhood. Your input is always welcome.

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NOTICE OF MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT; DECEMBER 1987

by Peter Hill

The year is drawing to a close as I write this. And what a year 1987 has been in our Neighbourhood! In this President's letter I'd like to review some of the things which have occupied our time and energy.

Perhaps the most urgent matter is the recent decision of the Consultants to recommend the TH&B station for GO Train services. Your executive has met with the Consultants and we have attended both of their Information Centres to study their maps and their methodology. We have been in communication with the Social Planning and Research Council and representatives from MacNab St. Presbyterian Church to discuss their concerns. The stand of the Durand Neighbourhood Association is not one of opposition. As part of the city centre, we will be affected. We want to ensure that any change, large or small, does not upset the neighbourhood's quality of life and, when possible, suggest ways in which change can improve our environment. I urge you to keep yourself knowledgeable about events concerning the GO Train station. Suggestions and comments made now during the planning stage can have a significant impact on the plan and design.

The next matter is the proposed development of the Thistle Club property. The intent of the developers is to build retirement accommodation for active, healthy, and after hearing of their monthly rates, more affluent seniors. Some of your executive has toured two facilities they are operating in Mississauga and North York and were impressed with these facilities.

As with most things, however, there is another side. We must be concerned about parking, not only for clients and visitors but also for the members of the Thistle Racquets Club. I have suggested to the developer and City representatives that they consider a joint venture to construct underground parking. This could serve the residents, employees, and club members, as well as provide rental spaces for residents of nearby apartment buildings who currently must park on the street.

In 1986, City Council passed a By-law which allows developers to pay a monetary penalty instead of providing the proper number of parking spaces, as required by zoning and other regulations. For example, if a developer were converting a home into offices, 10 parking spaces may be required. If, for some reason, the developer is only able to provide 8, the Committee of Adjustment may allow fewer parking spots in return for a payment of, for example, \$10,000.00. These monies are then deposited in a Trust Fund for the purchase and future development of

off-street parking. We are attempting to find out through our Aldermen how many spaces have been forgiven by the Committee of Adjustment, and how much money is available in the Trust Fund.

An article appeared in The Hamilton Spectator December 1, 1987 which reported the sale of 257 and 259 Bay St. S. This is noteworthy because the new owners (currently the Kiwanis Club on behalf of the Mental Health Association) wish to change the use from a nursing home to a home for young recovering schizophrenic patients. The city's planning staff has already noted that our neighbourhood has more than its "fair share" of these facilities. The executive will be discussing this situation.

At the end of this newsletter you will find a survey form from a Mohawk College student, who is also a Durand resident. Your executive encourages the study of and dissemination of facts about our neighbourhood. It would be greatly appreciated if you would complete the form and assist in this study.

On behalf of your executive I would like to wish you and yours a happy and healthy 1988. We'll be happier and healthier if Durand's a good place to be.

CITY HALL REPORT

By Alderman William McCulloch

MAJOR APARTMENT DEVELOPMENTS;

At the beginning of the year announcements were made for five large apartment developments in the core area totaling some 1,200 units. At the moment, only one: the historic Pigott/Sun Life complex seems to be moving ahead. The others are marking time pending either more unit sales, and/or development of final plans. Since the city is experiencing near zero vacancy, every new development is welcome, especially if, like each of these, it is on a major traffic artery and not intruding into established residential neighbourhoods. There is one apartment-type complex going on the Thistle Club site which is being closely monitored by the City and the Durand Neighbourhood Association to be sure it fits in closely with our neighbourhood objectives.

SIDEWALKS;

Finally, new sidewalks will be constructed in 1988 on Bay Street, between Duke and Bold. The delay was due to the proposed reconstruction of the road and sewer in that area. These programs have now been delayed so long that the sidewalks are going ahead.

The first part of the report deals with the general situation of the country and the progress of the work done during the year.

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SCHOOL TRUSTEE'S REPORT

By Robb Webb

The Board of Education for the City of Hamilton has faced an unusually demanding agenda these past few months. Topics that have been dealt with have included the responsibility or role of schools in the provision of day care for the systems staff and students; a new concept in education is being developed by Westmount Secondary School; a school of performing arts; and race relations, along with countless other items have dominated the Board since the schools opened in September. On the local scene, the Home and School Assoc. at Central Public School on Hunter St., have just about completed fundraising for a new creative playground at the school. The playground will serve the community well in that area.

The two topics which have dominated meetings this fall however, have been the re-organization of the Board and the dispute over the use of secondary schools in the region. Unfortunately, the latter topic has resulted in tension between different groups in the community. The only secondary school in Ward 2, Sir John A. MacDonald, was named for possible transfer although Churchill and Southmount Secondary Schools were ultimately identified by the government. The Hamilton Board is appealing the decision with the hope that our facilities can be shared with the Roman Catholic School Board rather than transferred.

Finally, the Trustees and the Board voted earlier this year to review operations at the senior administrative level. This has resulted in a plan to decentralize operations at the Education Centre on Main St. W. In short, the city will be divided into 5 areas with a Superintendent of Schools working with a team that manages each area and the schools located there. It is our hope to provide education that meets provincial and local standards, at the same time as recognizing the unique characteristics of each area in the city. More information on this important undertaking will be available throughout 1988. On behalf of your other school trustee in Ward 2, Lillian Vine, and myself, I wish you much happiness and good health in the New Year.

Editor's Note:- Regretfully this will be our last report from Robb Webb who has resigned as Ward 2 school board trustee. We wish him well in his move to London, Ont.

The following article by David Cohen, a member of the Corktown/Stinson Neighbourhood Association, brings attention to the fact that while we wait for GO the TH&B station deteriorates.

WAITING FOR GO

by David Cohen

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Hamilton has a number of Cinderella buildings: beautiful (if somewhat old), unused or ill-used, and looking for a Prince Charming (suitable occupant).

Every now and then a Fairy Godmother swoops down on one of our Cinderellas (e.g. the Carnegie Library), waves her wand and everybody lives happily ever after. But most of our Cinderellas wait...and wait. Meanwhile, newer uglier sisters rise all around them.

The Toronto Hamilton & Buffalo Railway (TH&B) station at Hunter and John streets is a Cinderella in the latter category. Once a bustling rail passenger depot, it is today a mostly silent place in accelerating decay. The last passenger train departed the TH&B station in April, 1986. Today the seven-story building houses TH&B administrative personnel. Only a still-functioning deli off the station's main concourse testifies to the fact that this is after all a public place.

In 1983 Hamilton's LACAC and the city offered the TH&B grants for repairing and restoring the building on the condition that it agree to have it designated under the Ontario Heritage Act. The offer was rebuffed by Canadian Pacific, which controls the TH&B, in no uncertain terms. CP denied the station was subject to the provincial Act, adding that it was governed by federal legislation and was thus not subject to a provincial Act.

In the mid-80's the on-again, off-again Toronto-Hamilton train service was suddenly very much on again; politicians talked about it as if it could actually happen. The would-be service was studied anew, and it was found that the TH&B station was the best possible depot for it in Hamilton. But few held their breath, which is fortunate, because we still have no certain word about GO. And even if it does happen, we have no guarantee that the existing station will be saved. It could be demolished for a new building.

Life goes on, and the TH&B station decays.

A visit to the station today is at once sad and uplifting.

FIRST THE UPLIFTING PART

Anyone with even the slightest sensitivity to Hamilton's

built environment could not help but notice the station. It was designed to be noticed, both in its setting and composition.

The building's centre axis is precisely at the point where Hunter and Hughson form a T junction. The station commands that intersection as few buildings command their sites in Hamilton. For CP to deny that this building possesses historical and architectural interest is tantamount to maintaining the earth is not round.

In fact, the TH&B represents the very best in corporate architecture of its day - the late 20's and early 30's. The present building is the result of a design that replaced a previous one. The one used was in fact quite daring for its combination of European and North American influences.

Listen to any discussion of the station's style, and you're likely to hear the terms "Art Moderne", "Art Deco" and "International Style" used interchangeably and often indiscriminately. The building is actually a skillful combination of all three styles. Such hybrids resulted from a corporate ambivalence about Modernism, i.e. the International Style of Le Corbusier, Loos etc. Modernity was wanted, but not necessarily modernism.

The earlier TH&B design harkened back to the monumental high-rise gothic style best represented by Gilbert's Woolworth building in New York. The second design owes more to Raymond Hood's McGraw Hill Building (1929-30), but especially to the Philadelphia Savings Fund Society Building (1929-32, Howe & Lescase).

The indented vertical lines of windows soaring from the front door to the flagpole (needless to say, flagless these days) at the roof suggest a lingering gothic influence. The strongly horizontal wraparound windows and thin exterior skin (Queenston stone) of the upper five stories are pure International style. The curving corners of the lower two stories are of course Modern. In the concourse itself, one can see pronounced Art Deco influences in the ornament and what is left of the furniture.

NOW THE SAD PART

Decay seems to have a free rein at the station. This is certainly the case at the concourse level. In the upper levels where people still work, conditions are said to be better.

Hamilton's renowned pollution and good old fashioned rust have played havoc with the building's exterior. The delicate metal window sashes show heavy wear; on an upper story there is an ugly patch job on some fallen pointing. The ceilings in the concourse have been leaking for years - apparently from water

seeping in from the tracks outside. On rainy and thawing days the station gushes. One must wade into the bathrooms. The leaks damaged the elegant benches on the concourse, so they've been removed; a few remain - in awful shape - in the men's room. The passenger platform outside is in unspeakable condition.

Something has to be done, and soon, to halt this decay. We can play "Waiting for Go", but this building cannot wait much longer. It needs attention. Word is that CP is removing TH&B personnel from the building to its Toronto office as part of a rationalization of TH&B. Soon the building might house only a freight dispatcher.

Shortly after the CP rebuff, LACAC received a letter from Mississauga Mayor, Hazel McCallion. Her city had recently felt the cold hand of CP when it demolished a railway station in Streetsville over strong objections. She suggested that cities lobby the federal government to empower the Canadian Transport Commission to include heritage significance as one of the reasons for rejecting a request for demolition.

Hamilton's city solicitor recommended that Mayor McCallion's suggestion be considered along with the option of designating the building despite CP's objection, for symbolic purposes. As far as we know, these recommendations have not been acted upon. Instead the authorities seem to be waiting for GO.

And waiting...

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

The spire of historic St. Paul's Presbyterian Church is in danger of collapsing. The church, built by Scottish stone masons, has been described as Canada's finest 19th century Gothic church. The building was designated an historic site by the Architectural and Historic Sites board in 1969. Restoration could cost up to \$1 million. Heritage grants have been applied for; however they will cover only 50% of the cost. Donations are being sought from the community. Any donations can be sent to the St. Paul's Church Restoration Project, 70 James St. South, Hamilton, Ont. L8P 2Y8. Tax-deduction receipts will be issued.

DURAND NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The revised Durand Neighbourhood Plan was presented to the Planning and Development Committee, Dec. 9th, 1987 at City Hall and approved. The Plan provides a framework for future redevelopment in Durand with detailed policies and actions recommending approaches and studies to help ensure sound land use planning. The Plan was revised with extensive public participation especially from the Association. It was the first of its kind in the city and the first to be revised.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE, HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL STUDY

The purpose of this study by the city is to review the "E" zoned districts within the Central Area of the city to develop a strategy for the planning and development of high rise apartments. An advisory committee is being established to enable the provision of input from many interest groups including CAPIC, LACAC, Durand and the development sector. Durand Neighbourhood Association representatives are Graham and Janet Snelgrove and Janet Black.

NEW EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

We will be looking for new executive members by June 1988. It is not too soon to think of either serving on the executive or nominating someone to serve. Please let us know through our address at City Hall if you are interested. We especially need someone to record and type our Minutes and to help in the monitoring of City Hall activities. This is your chance to become involved in ensuring our Neighbourhood remains a pleasant place in which to live!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

We would ask that all members of the Association check the expiry date on the mailing label, and update their membership. If your newsletter shows an expiry date of 1986 or earlier, you will **cease to receive** newsletters unless your membership is renewed in January 1988. PLEASE RENEW. Your support is important to the neighbourhood.

MOHAWK STUDENT'S SURVEY

Attached to this newsletter is a survey planned by Mohawk student, Heather Poje. As an extra incentive, Heather is offering a prize of \$10.00 to one of the individuals submitting the survey. If you would like to try and win the prize please complete the form and put your name and address in the space provided.

MY NAME IS HEATHER POJE AND I AM CONDUCTING A SURVEY FOR THE DURAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. IT IS HOPED THAT THIS SURVEY WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE VALUABLE INFORMATION FOR THE ASSOCIATION REGARDING YOUR RECREATION NEEDS.

I WOULD APPRETIATE IT IF YOU WOULD ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. DO YOU OR ANY OF YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS UTILIZE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING RECREATION FACILITIES?

☐ MAIN-HESS SENIOR CENTRE	☐ HAAA PARK
☐ Y.W.C.A. (MACNAB STREET)	☐ HAMILTON TENNIS CLUB
☐ RYERSON RECREATION CLUB	☐ Y.M.C.A. (JAMES STREET)
☐ OTHER IF OTHER PLEASE SPECIFY _____	
2. DO YOU FEEL THAT THERE ARE ADEQUATE RECREATION FACILITIES OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO YOU OR YOR FAMILY MEMBERS?

☐ YES	☐ NO
IF NO PLEASE SPECIFY _____	
3. WHAT IS THE BIGGEST PROBLEM THAT YOU FACE WHEN UTILIZING RECREATION FACILITIES WITHIN THE AREA?

☐ NOT ENOUGH TIME	☐ CROSSING MAJOR STREETS
☐ COST OF PROGRAMS	☐ LACK OF INTEREST
☐ OTHER IF OTHER PLEASE SPECIFY _____	
4. WHAT IS YOUR MOST FREQUENT FORM OF TRANSPORTATION THROUGHOUT THE AREA?

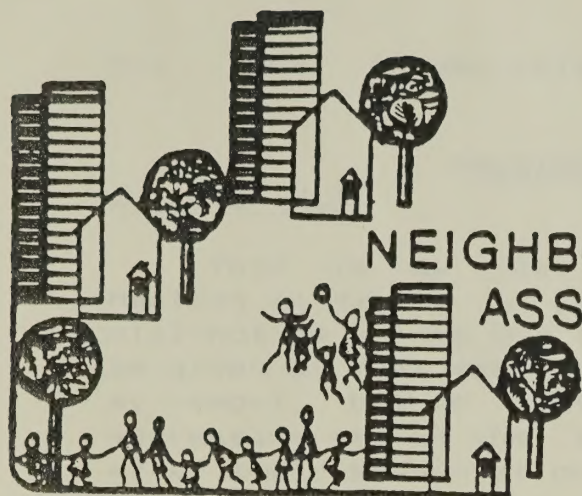
☐ CAR	☐ WALK
☐ FAMILY/FRIENDS	☐ LOCAL TRANSIT SYSTEM
☐ OTHER IF OTHER PLEASE SPECIFY _____	
5. WHAT AGE RANGE DO YOU FALL BETWEEN?

☐ 18 - 25	☐ 46 - 55
☐ 26 - 35	☐ 55 AND UP
☐ 36 - 45	

IT IS ENCOURAGED THAT ALL SURVEYS BE COMPLETED AND MAILED TO THE ADDRESS:

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DURAND NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATIONS: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TIME:- Monday May 16th, 1988 at 7:00 p.m.

PLACE:- Central School (parking off Bay St. S. just north of Bold. Entrance is on the south side of the building at the west end)

TOPIC:- Community Based Housing for the Mentally Disabled

PANEL:

David Christopherson, Hamilton Alderman
Al Martino, Regional Pres., Ont. Long Term Res. Care Assoc.
Phyllis Turner, Exec. Dir., Cdn. Mental Health Assoc.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: APRIL 1988by Peter Hill

This is my last report to you before our Annual General Meeting on May 16 at Central Public School. Of necessity, it will not be a long one for my full and complete final report will be given at that meeting. I encourage you to attend, not to hear my report, but to listen carefully to the experts who will be addressing us on the issue of Second Level Lodging Homes and, after their presentations, to participate in a discussion of this most important issue. Durand has made everyone welcome over the years. The resulting diversity is what has made our neighbourhood such a fine place in which to live.

However, the imbalance which is starting to become apparent in the distribution of supervised accommodation facilities across the city must have us concerned. Because if present trends continue, the quality of our environment will start to suffer to the extent that it might become blighted and most difficult to retrieve in the future. The change when it comes will be subtle and very slow. It will not be noticeable from month to month, or even year to year. But over a period of years we shall look back and be able to identify significant - and most probably, negative - changes which we shall be unable to reverse.

The wise plan ahead to avoid problems. The Durand Neighbourhood Association has always tried to foresee problems and deal with them openly, honestly and with a sense of fairness to all parties. The Second Level Lodging Homes in our neighbourhood are most welcome. Most are good neighbours. The problem is that now we have our fair share. Other neighbourhoods in the Region which are blessed with attributes similar to those of Durand have not been as receptive to them as we have. The result is that we now have so many it is threatening the tone of our neighbourhood. It is time that measures were put into place to ensure that supervised accommodation facilities are more evenly spread across the metropolitan area.

You may agree with this, or disagree. Regardless of your position, it is important that your opinions are represented at the May 16 meeting and it is important that you present them. The By-law governing Second Level Lodging Homes is now under revision by City Council and this is the period during which your expressed ideas are important - not after the By-law revision has been approved by council. I hope to see you there.

AWARD

We wish to congratulate Diane Dent on receiving the 1988 Outstanding Achievement Award for Voluntarism from the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Communications. Diane was the founding President of the DNA, serving in that capacity from 1972-1974.

HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL STUDY

By David Black

Over the first ten Monday's of the new year meetings for the High Density Residential Development Study were held at City Hall. Its purpose was to pass recommendations for the High Density Residential Development Study. Representing the DNA were Janet Snelgrove and Janet Black.

There were three overriding objectives that the committee had to address. One, to increase the numbers of people living around the downtown. Two, to encourage the construction of new, and attractive buildings. Three, emphasize the conservation of historic buildings. Many resolutions were brought forward, the list is too long to go into detail, but there are two major areas of concern for the Durand neighbourhood.

These areas are:

- (1) to develop new policies and designations for areas currently zoned for high density residential development.
- (2) to permit additional neighbourhood-oriented commercial uses in the neighbourhood's residential areas.

You may ask, how do these two areas affect me? Well, it is generally recognized that Durand has its fair share of high rise apartment buildings. So, it is hoped that any future high density buildings will be built on a smaller scale. This means that buildings will be lower, and take up more of the lot. Of course, the perfect solution is that high density development will no longer occur in Durand, and that other parts of the downtown area will be considered for these buildings.

As for neighbourhood-oriented commercial uses, they may start to move more into the central parts of the neighbourhood. In the past, most commercial uses have been placed at the perimeter of the neighbourhood, with only professional offices and variety stores being placed in the central area of the neighbourhood. The resolutions could make it possible for

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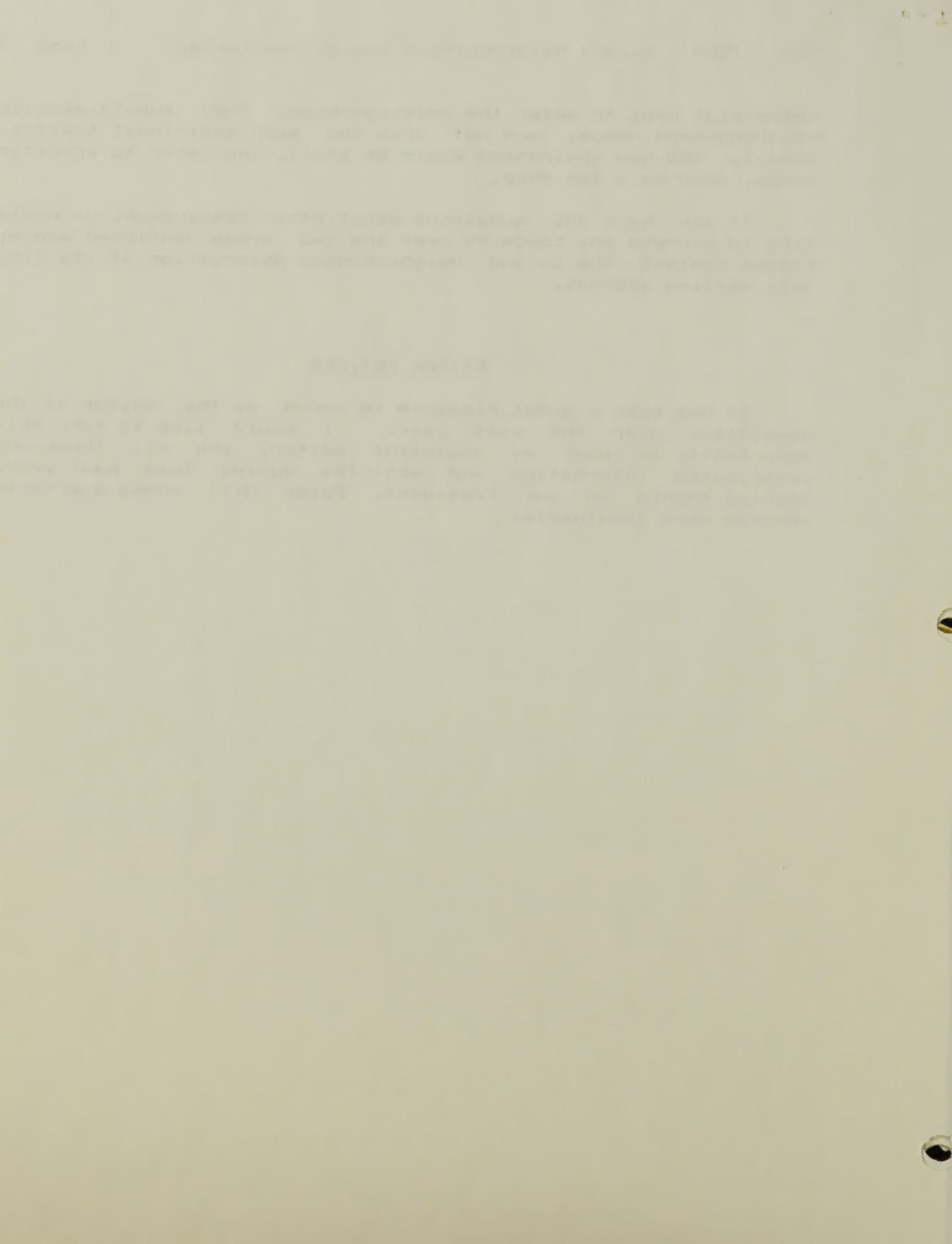
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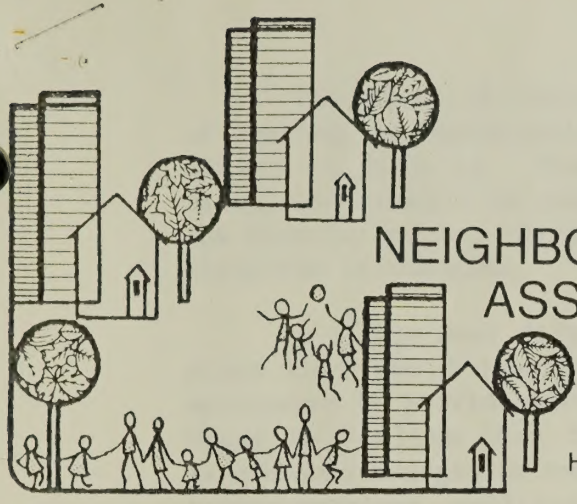
commercial uses to enter the neighbourhood. They should service neighbourhood needs, and not draw too much additional traffic. Ideally, the new businesses would be small, and cater to specific needs, such as a tea shop.

If you have any questions about other resolution, or would like to express any concerns over the two areas mentioned above, please contact the Durand Neighbourhood Association at its City Hall mailing address.

EDITOR RETIRES

It has been a great pleasure to serve as the editor of the newsletter over the past year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my assistant editor, and all those who contributed information and articles during this past year. Special thanks to our President, Peter Hill whose quarterly reports were invaluable.





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President's Message

It has been a long hot summer and your Executive took it off in order to enjoy it to the full. Two of our number went overboard and decided to leave our neighbourhood to live elsewhere!! We shall sorely miss long-time member, Bob Allen, who was one of those unsung heroes who put in many tedious hours on our behalf sitting in on meetings, maintaining the ever-changing mailing list, making phone calls, and being sensitive to all types of change in Durand and reporting them to us for debate. If any of you have a mind to nominate someone for a medal for contributing to our community, you need look no further than Bob. The other member, Alison Vanduzer, had just joined us and was keenly interested in helping and demonstrated this interest by getting her assignments done, and done well. Best wishes to both of you and thanks for your efforts on behalf of Durand.

The impact of their departures cannot be underestimated. The even flow of keeping the Association active has been disrupted and we are in need of others to join in. Over the last few years, there has been little of widespread concern to require the involvement of large numbers of people and the Association has operated quietly and without much fanfare. However, this situation is changing.

A little over fifteen years ago Durand was targeted by developers as a place they would demolish part of our City's heritage to build high rise apartments to provide much needed housing. After a short period of time people began to realize that the neighbourhoods in which they lived were being irrevocably changed to something they didn't feel comfortable with. There were stormy meetings, political wranglings, and a lot of animosity. It was in this environment that your Association was born and its mission ever since has been to protect what was left of the neighbourhood, all the time recognising that some development was necessary but that it should come only after careful scrutiny to ensure that the change was in the best interests of the neighbourhood as a whole, still keeping in mind the rights of the owner.

Those who do not learn the lessons of history are doomed to repeat it. I, for one, do not wish to see a similar disfigurement occur again. It is evident to anyone who ponders what is happening today that the forces which created the pressures to demolish Durand in the late sixties and early seventies are returning, albeit in disguise. The TH&B station is to be the GO station; the Region is building its headquarters on the west side of downtown; traffic and parking is becoming more and more difficult to accommodate because of increased office and retail development downtown and because the transportation planning is petrified in decades old thinking not suited to our current future needs.

Pressure for severing large lawns from their large Victorian homes to build "infill" housing is increasing; more and more applications are coming before the Committee of Adjustment to request variances not allowed by our zoning laws and these are being granted one by one with no consideration given to the ultimate aggregate effect on our living environment; large buildings seem to be left to rot until the owners can claim that they are beyond repair and therefore must be demolished, usually to create a more dense population on the land area involved; front lawn parking is being allowed even though there is often access from a rear lane and our streetscapes are starting to look like parking lots....and on and on it goes.

This is a very long preamble to the point I wish to make to all who are concerned about Durand. If the monitoring is to continue, if the arguments are to be made, if the concerns are to be expressed, and if each and every one of us wants to protect what we have left, then your Executive is going to need your help. There is no other way. Please read the rest of this Newsletter and think of ways in which you might help. Some jobs can be done from home, on the telephone. Others require attending meetings and others include organising them. There are jobs large and small, simple and complex. Any one of them can be fun - and interesting too.

THE THISTLE CLUB

In September, the developers of the Thistle Club property applied for a change of zoning to the property because their proposal does not fit precisely into its then current category. After much soul-searching and discussion, your Executive decided to support the application. The text of our prepared statement is elsewhere in the Newsletter. When the zoning specifications were developed many years ago, the concept of retirement living space and associated amenities as they wish to create them was not envisioned. Retirement living used to mean everyone living in their own small living spaces with a few small activity rooms available. Their concept is more closely related to hotel living, with a beautifully appointed dining room, reading room, concierge and optional activities.

They wish to use the rights now available for the whole property only on the part on which they will build the residences in order to provide better amenities to the residents. The Thistle Club has the right to purchase its portion of the property back, however. Your Association Executive feels that there should be some ironclad guarantee that, at some time in the future, the severed racquets club portion will not be made available for further residential development. Our proposal is that this portion of the property be zoned as parkland, with no future development rights. Though we are not in favour of density increases, this developer has designed into it, at the Association's request, a large number of parking spaces above the minimum required which should prevent any parking problems.

Again at our request, the developer held a public meeting to which all people within 400 feet of the site were sent an invitation. Some 50 people showed up to view the architectural renderings and discuss concerns with company representatives. Several neighbours are concerned by the mass of the development and traffic and parking problems which might increase congestion. We are aware of these concerns and are constantly discussing these matters with the politicians, staff, and at decision making committees for the whole neighbourhood.

CANDIDATES' NIGHT

Your Association, in co-operation with the Home and School Association of Central Public School, is hosting an All Candidates' Night on Wednesday, November 9, 1988 at Central Public School. The evening will start at 7:00 pm with the School Board Candidates speaking, followed by a short refreshment break, after which we shall hear from the candidates for City Council for Ward 2. The evening should be over by 9:30 pm unless those present have lots of questions and concerns to state!! PLEASE COME and BRING A FRIEND

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

As you will remember, your association assisted in the establishment of a Neighbourhood Watch Program for the neighbourhood some years ago. Those active at that time have moved on to other interests and new people are needed. Fortunately, Ms Irene Feddema has agreed to take on the leadership role for the Neighbourhood Watch. But she needs help. She has asked us to contact you to ask if you would lend her a hand. There is no other way to ensure that our neighbourhood is safe other than to be involved in creating that safety, by watching, by being aware, by being involved. We have some 3,000 apartment dwellers, most of whom are concerned about their safety and that of their families in elevators, when opening doors, and so on. We are sure there must be some who are concerned enough to donate a few hours of their choosing to help in this cause.

Irene sent in some facts for us to consider: during the first 6 months of this year there have been 16 house break-ins and 46 apartment break-ins, as well as 8 sexual incidents!! Also, we have 3 times a greater chance of being robbed, 4 times a greater chance of having a purse snatched, and 10 times the chance of having a prowler than anywhere else in the Region!!! These figures come from the police department. If you still don't want to help, will it take a personal experience to convince you? Please read the Neighbourhood Watch message from Irene and act on it.

105 Aberdeen Avenue

Many members of the Association who live in the area of Bay and Aberdeen will be familiar with the recent situation regarding the applications for rezoning and severance recently dealt with by the Regional Land Division Committee. The applicant wished to sever the southerly portion of the property from the house in order to build another house and had applied for rezoning of the property in order to permit the creation of three condominiums out of the single family home on the other portion. Vida Mazza, one of the neighbours led over 100 concerned people in their opposition to the applications. The application for rezoning was withdrawn by the applicant and the Land Division Committee denied the application for severance based on its impact on this sensitive area of older homes which needs to be preserved for historical and environmental reasons. Your association supported the activities of the concerned neighbours and attended the Committee meeting to speak against the proposal. Our thanks must go to all those who were concerned enough to be involved and particularly to Vida Mazza for her perseverance. Alderman Bill McCulloch has also been of considerable assistance in defining the zoning and other regulations. Our thanks to him, too.

Just as this Newsletter is going to the printer, we have been notified that the developer has applied now to the Committee of Adjustment for relief from the provisions of the zoning by-law governing setbacks of building from the roadway at the front of a dwelling. The application is confusing, however, because the home has an Aberdeen Avenue address and relief is being sought for the side door on Bay Street which is being used as the main entrance. Further, there is a map attached to the application showing "Part 1" and "Part 2" which imply that the severance previously denied had been granted and there is a statement, "An accessory building is not permitted on a lot prior to a principal building." which would seem to indicate that the developer intends to build a second residence on the same lot. Watch for further news.

September 23, 1988

To: Chairman and members of the Planning and Development Committee

From: The Durand Neighbourhood Association Inc.

Re: Thistle Club property rezoning proposal

The Executive of the Durand Neighbourhood Association Inc. has discussed the rezoning application and wish to support it, subject to certain conditions.

It is our understanding that the development rights of the entire piece of property are being used on only that part which is to be built upon and that a third party has a right to purchase the part which is not going to be developed under a current agreement. Our concern is that the remaining portion be severed and zoned in such a manner that there is no possibility of it being used for anything but "open space". If this were done, any purchaser would clearly understand that there was no potential for increasing further the population density on the site. The present Thistle Club (racquets portion) would become an existing non-conforming use.

Though the density is somewhat more than we would like to see, we recognise that the owner has taken steps to minimize the impact, particularly in the case of parking. The concerns we had about parking facilities for the Thistle Club have been addressed and some 30 spaces above the minimum required have been included in the proposed plans.

We continue to be concerned about the impact on the immediate neighbours - to the west on Robinson Street and on Charlton Avenue. Unfortunately, short of not proceeding with the development, it is hard to imagine any development that would not have substantial impact on adjacent properties. We would hope that the developer would seek ways to identify the concerns and perceived negative impacts of these neighbours and attempt as much as possible to overcome them.

We believe that the development as proposed will fit well into the fabric of the Neighbourhood and we hope that the concerns mentioned above will be appropriately addressed.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM IN THE DURAND COMMUNITY

A number of years ago, residents of the Durand community were active in organizing an effective Neighborhood Watch program to assist residents with house security and personal safety. However in the most recent years, some key people have moved away and other active individuals have found themselves over-loaded with additional commitments to the community. Consequently the program is now almost inactive.

In order to increase the momentum of the program, a committee needs to be formed of four to eight residents. Once formed, this committee will meet with the Regional Police and then be prepared to involve the community at large in protecting our homes and loved ones.

If you are interested in the program or are able to be a committee member, please call: Irene Feddema

577-1128

between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

IN THE OMAHA COMMUNITY

A number of years ago, residents of the Omaha community were told that they were being asked to join the Neighborhood Watch Program. At that time, the program was not very well known, and many people were not sure if it was a good idea. However, as the program grew, more and more people became active and began to see the benefits of the program. Today, the program is well known and many people are active in it. The program is a great way to keep your neighborhood safe and secure.

In order to become a member of the program, you must first be a resident of the neighborhood. You must also be a person who is at least 18 years old. Once you have met these requirements, you can apply for membership. The application process is simple and easy. You will need to fill out a form and provide some information about yourself and your neighborhood. Once you have completed the application, you will be reviewed by the program staff. If you are approved, you will be able to join the program and receive all the benefits it has to offer.

If you are interested in the program or have any questions, please contact the program staff. They will be happy to help you. You can also find more information about the program on our website. We are always looking for new members and we would love to have you join our team. Thank you for your interest in the program.

If you know of any friends or neighbours who are not members of the Association and who would like to be, please give them this cover which has an application form on the other side.

Thank you

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR
MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR'S

DURAND NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATIONS:

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MAY 16, 1988.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: MARCH 1988

by Peter Hill

Nothing has changed since my last report to you - your executive is still working hard representing Durand's interests. There has been some development in several long - term situations and I'd like to review for you what has happened since the last newsletter.

We recently had a visit from the developers of the Thistle Club property. We had had previous discussion and review of their earliest plans. This time, we were pleased to see that they had modified the development to accommodate several of our stated concerns - traffic flow, views of and from Durand Park, and parking. Their current plan calls for a T-shaped building with the stem pointing south. With every project of this nature there are changes which inevitably will not please some. Our challenge has been to minimize or eliminate negative impact in a responsible manner, taking into account the property owner's rights.

As you know, your Association was deeply involved with the development of the new Neighbourhood Plan. This Plan has now been approved by City Council and is "official". Now, an Implementation Committee is being formed, again with our representatives included in its membership. We are also represented on a committee studying "E" Zoning (high rise development). Our representatives are reflecting the policies recently approved for the Durand Neighbourhood Plan in this committee's deliberations.

At the January meeting of your executive we formulated a consensus on our position with respect to GO Transit. It can be defined as follows: we accept the TH&B station as a suitable site for a GO Train station, subject to appropriate steps being taken to mitigate the impact on the area closest to the route and the facility. Our prime concern is to maintain, or enhance, the quality of life in the City's central area and to make sure the environment does not suffer from problems due to increased traffic density, noise, pollution, or parking demand.

Another issue which has drawn increasing attention in recent months is that of the Second Level Lodging Houses. There is a Region-wide concern to the extent that a committee has been established to review the By-law governing such accommodation, under the chairmanship of Alderman Christopherson. Ward 2 has about 50% of the beds in this category and Durand has a good proportion of these. There is no doubt that Second Level Lodging Houses have been welcomed in our Neighbourhood and likely will continue to be. However, there is a feeling being expressed more

THE YEAR OF THE GREAT DEPRESSION

1941-1942

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frequently that there is a point beyond which this type of entrepreneurship and ownership will start to impact negatively on the Neighbourhood ambience.

We continue to monitor City Hall activities, Graham Snelgrove and Bob Allen being our "watchers". Some weeks ago there was a proposal to turn 111 MacNab St. South into a Second Level Lodging House. We spoke against this, as did other citizens, and the Committee of Adjustment turned down the proposal. The price of maintaining our Neighbourhood as we want it is eternal vigilance.

Finally, I would like you to mark the evening of May 16, 1988 on your calendar. Our Annual General Meeting will be held then and we hope to have a panel discussion on Second Level Lodging Houses. This has yet to be confirmed, as have the location and starting time. We shall let you know as soon as we have arranged these specifics. At this meeting we shall be electing next year's leadership. It is very important that this leadership change in a gradual and organized way. There will be several positions on the Executive to be filled. Some of its current members have given much and have indicated that they wish to step down to have a "rest". If you are interested, please write, stating your specific interest, to our mailing address. It will require one evening per month plus a few hours of your choosing between meetings to accomplish assigned tasks.

CASH-IN-LIEU PARKING POLICY

By G.F. Snelgrove

A brief article pertaining to the loss of parking places in the City and particularly the Durand Neighbourhood. This article was prepared and collated from information requested from the City of Hamilton Planning Department.

In 1986, the City of Hamilton Planning Department instituted a by-law, which was passed by Council, the purpose of which was to compensate the city for the loss of parking spaces either by the renovation of existing properties or by new development.

The by-law provides a method by which developers and private applicants may, upon submission of their site plans, pay to the city an amount of cash, calculated by a formula contained within the by-law, in lieu of providing the proper number of parking spaces as required by the respective applicable by-laws.

The intention of this by-law is obviously to encourage developers and applicants to provide the required number of parking spaces and to penalize them when they fail to provide the spaces.

The first part of the report is a general introduction to the project. It describes the purpose of the study, the objectives, and the scope of the work. It also provides a brief overview of the methodology used in the study.

The second part of the report is a detailed description of the methodology used in the study. It includes a description of the data collection methods, the data analysis methods, and the statistical tests used. It also includes a description of the software used in the study.

The third part of the report is a detailed description of the results of the study. It includes a description of the data, the results of the data analysis, and the results of the statistical tests. It also includes a description of the conclusions drawn from the results.

APPENDIX A: DATA COLLECTION METHODS

A.1. Data Collection Methods

The data for this study were collected from a survey of 1000 respondents. The survey was conducted online and was available to respondents from January 1, 2010, to December 31, 2010. The survey was distributed through email and social media.

The survey was designed to collect data on the following variables: age, gender, education level, income level, and frequency of use of the product. The survey was conducted using a random sampling method.

The data were analyzed using a statistical software package. The results of the analysis are presented in the main body of the report. The data were also used to create a series of charts and graphs, which are included in the appendix.

The appendix also includes a list of the questions asked in the survey. The questions were designed to collect data on the variables listed above. The questions were asked in a clear and concise manner, and the responses were recorded accurately.

Really?

Is it an effective by-law? How much money has been collected since the inception of this by-law?

This by-law is completely ineffective, and, in fact, not one dollar has been brought into the city coffers since its inception!

Here's why.

The by-law applies only to commercial developments; residential projects are not subject to its provisions.

Any monies forthcoming to the city as a result of this by-law are not necessarily spent in the area where the parking was lost. The area chosen to receive the benefits is at the discretion of the traffic department.

The most ludicrous aspect of this cash-in-lieu policy is that it can only be used at the option of the developer or applicant. That is to say that the applicant may choose to enact the provisions of the by-law and have that application go through the various departments, i.e. traffic, planning and real estate to determine how much cash-in-lieu should be paid to the city. Sounds a little complicated, does it not? Characteristically, there is an easier and less costly way to avoid this by-law. Quite simply, all that the applicant has to do is bring an application before the Committee of Adjustment, along with any other "minor variances" and, if approved, there is no penalty and no cost! Seldom are these minor variances disapproved by the Committee of Adjustment, and the cumulative effect of this loss of parking is apparently not given much priority.

Given these facts, why would anyone elect to pay a penalty for something they would most likely get for nothing.

If we wish to preserve the meager parking that still exists in our area, we must, among other things, work to get this by-law amended. It must be a mandatory procedure and a mandatory penalty for both commercial and residential applicants.

If you have any comments, please write to me, G. F. Snelgrove, c/o D.N.A., City Clerk's Office and/or your alderman.

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It is an honor to be able to say that I have been able to do this.

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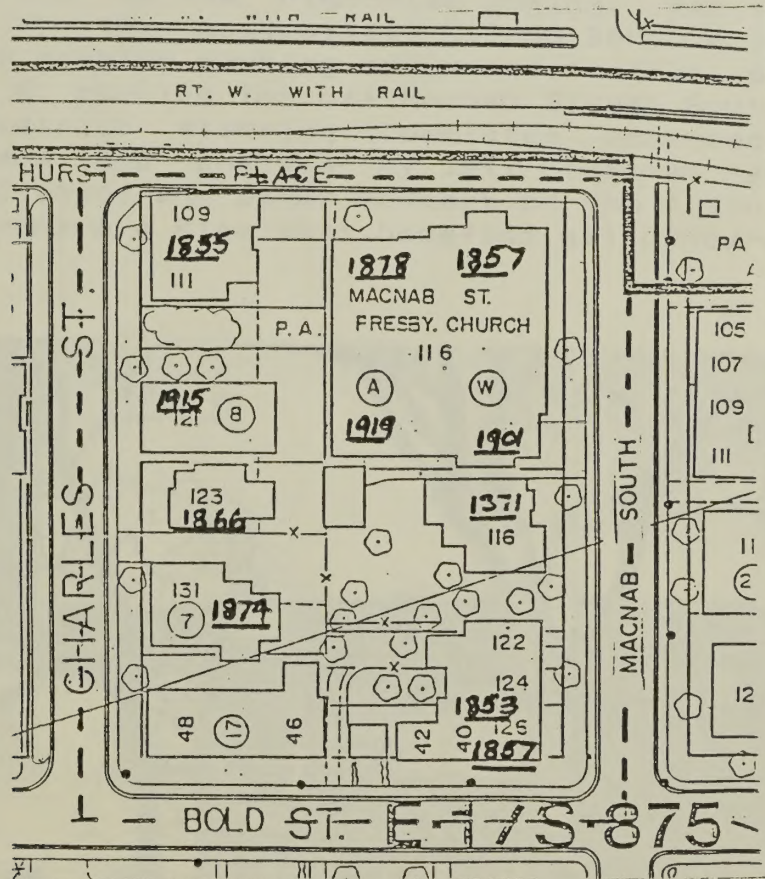
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MACNAB SOUTH HERITAGE CONSERVATION
DISTRICT STUDY AND PLAN

by Nina Chapple

Good News! A special historic block in the Durand Neighbourhood is being rediscovered - officially that is.



It's always been a beautiful streetscape of stone buildings, this west side of MacNab Street South just south of the T.H.& B. underpass. Property owners in recent years have realized the attractiveness of the area and have been actively renovating and restoring their buildings. The MacNab Street Presbyterian Church has known the value of their buildings ever since 1857 when this church complex was first begun. Now the City has formally recognized the significance of this block-- bounded by MacNab Street South, Hurst Place, Charles Street and Bold Street -- by approving an official Heritage Conservation District Study and Plan. This project which is currently underway is the preliminary step to designation of the area as a Heritage Conservation District under the Ontario Heritage Act.

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The floor plan shows a building with a central rectangular area divided into several rooms. The rooms are labeled with numbers and letters, such as '101', '102', '103', '104', '105', '106', '107', '108', '109', '110', '111', '112', '113', '114', '115', '116', '117', '118', '119', '120', '121', '122', '123', '124', '125', '126', '127', '128', '129', '130', '131', '132', '133', '134', '135', '136', '137', '138', '139', '140', '141', '142', '143', '144', '145', '146', '147', '148', '149', '150', '151', '152', '153', '154', '155', '156', '157', '158', '159', '160', '161', '162', '163', '164', '165', '166', '167', '168', '169', '170', '171', '172', '173', '174', '175', '176', '177', '178', '179', '180', '181', '182', '183', '184', '185', '186', '187', '188', '189', '190', '191', '192', '193', '194', '195', '196', '197', '198', '199', '200'. The plan also shows a large central area labeled '100' and a smaller area labeled '1000'. The plan is oriented with North at the top.

The property owners initiated the process by requesting the City to undertake a H.C.D. Study and Plan knowing that their group of historic buildings taken together represents an excellent record of Hamilton's early period dating from the 1850's to 1870's. They are also aware that pressures exist which could seriously alter their historic environment -- pressures for redevelopment due to the high-rise zoning, for increased train traffic due to the possibility of GO Service on the T.H. & B. track, and for greater parking needs and traffic due to location of the T.H. & B. parking lot off MacNab Street South. During the past year a district steering committee composed of the area property owners and chaired by Jeff Steadman has been meeting with the LACAC staff and other members of the Planning Department in order to prepare a Plan that benefits all concerned.



BENEFITS

Designation of a Heritage Conservation District under the Ontario Heritage Act establishes a means by which the conservation of valuable historic buildings is encouraged and the compatibility of new structures ensured. Once designated, these

buildings also become eligible for provincial and municipal heritage funding which is designed to assist on a matching basis with structural repairs and the restoration of designated original exterior elements such as roofs, walls, doors, windows and architectural trim. Revitalization of a particular block can, of course, spread to its surroundings. In fact, renovation of the apartments on the south side of Bold Street is now in progress and is expected also for the older buildings on the west side of Charles Street.

REQUIREMENTS

In order to achieve a long-term plan of management for the area a special Heritage Permit procedure is required for proposed new construction or exterior alterations which would then be processed simultaneously with a Building Permit. Proposals will be first reviewed by the District Advisory Committee composed primarily of interested property owners in the district, then forwarded to LACAC and Council. It should be pointed out the demolition of buildings is not prohibited with designation; only a delay of up to 270 days is prescribed.

In conclusion, it would appear that the MacNab South block is now making its own history as the first area in Durand Neighbourhood to be considered for designation as a H.C.D. It's an exciting proposal well worth watching since other such significant areas in Durand may well be eligible if supported by the property owners, LACAC and City Council.

Information on designation is available from the Planning Department, 526-4441.

CP AND CN TERMINALS WEIGHED FOR GO TRAIN EXTENSION BY Russell Elman

The City of Hamilton is to give its official comment soon on the preferred location of the Hamilton terminal for the proposed increased GO Rail service between Hamilton and Toronto.

A preliminary technical recommendation by the GO Train Extension Program Project Team is that, subject to environmental assessment approval, the terminal should be shifted from the CN (VIA) station to the CP/TH&B station on Hunter Street.

Although major changes in the rail service are not anticipated to be implemented until sometime in the 1990s, what will be implemented will be influenced by planning decisions made in 1988. Both locations have advantages and disadvantages, short-term and long-term, which complicate the decision-making.

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GO Transit officials and McCormick Rankin, consultants, reported that most members of the public who attended information sessions about the project last fall indicated a preference for the CP/TH&E terminal. Most city aldermen initially also supported the Hunter Street location.

Factors under consideration include the terminal's convenience to the downtown, access to other transit services (an inter-modal rail-bus terminal is proposed), potential as a stimulus to economic growth, impact on surrounding neighbourhoods.

However, a major question mark in adoption of the CP terminal is the timing of reconstruction of the Hunter Street tunnel that might be necessary to provide "full" GO Rail service and the consequent disruptions to nearby residents. Concerns have also been expressed about availability of parking, increased traffic in the downtown and whether Hunter Street would be suitable if GO rail service is later extended eastward to Stoney Creek and beyond.

Studies now are under way to determine to what extent GO Rail service can be increased using Hunter Street without reconstructing the tunnel.

An important component of the GO proposal is that a new station will also be built close to Waterdown Road and Highway 403, which will provide ample commuter parking as well as easy highway access.

The Durand Neighbourhood Association executive has discussed the alternatives. On the basis of information available at the time and in part on an assumption that tunnel reconstruction might not take place for many years, it agreed to support in principle the Hunter Street location subject to certain conditions. Parking is seen as a critical problem but most important, the surrounding areas in both Corktown and Durand must be protected against negative environmental effects, including such elements as noise and excess traffic spilling into residential streets.

CENTRAL AREA PLAN UPDATED

By Russell Elman

A revised version of the Central Area Plan is expected to be presented to the public for comment this summer prior to receiving approval by City Council.

City officials now are making arrangements to enable the public to review and offer opinions about the Plan at shopping

centres and other convenient places in the Hamilton-Wentworth Region.

The Plan, a major planning document for Hamilton's Central Area, if approved will be incorporated for the first time in the City's Official Plan.

CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL: 135th ANNIVERSARY

By: Ruth Oldham

On Monday, May 2nd, 1988, from 1p.m.-4p.m., Central Public School, the oldest continuing school in Ontario, will be celebrating its 135th Anniversary. The School's opening ceremonies in 1853, were dampened when the Father of Education, Edgerton Ryerson, fell off his horse en route from Toronto and was not able to officially open the school.

This year, The Honourable Chris Ward has accepted an invitation to assist us in re-enacting the opening.; We are hoping that Mr. Ward will be successful in safely arriving at Central on horseback. (We don't want to lose our Elmer Flag).

The festivities will continue with 19th Century games by costumed students and an historical slide presentation by Mr. Brian Henley, Head of Special Collections at the Hamilton Public Library.

The Principal, Mr. Rick Clark, the Central School Staff and the members of the Home and School would like to extend an invitation to all Durand Neighbourhood Association members to help us celebrate this Anniversary Day. Come in Costume!

For more information, call Central Public School (afternoons only) at 522-9690.

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If you know of any friends or neighbours who are not members, and would like to be, please have them send their names, address, and \$3 to the Durand Neighbourhood Association, at its City Hall mailing address.

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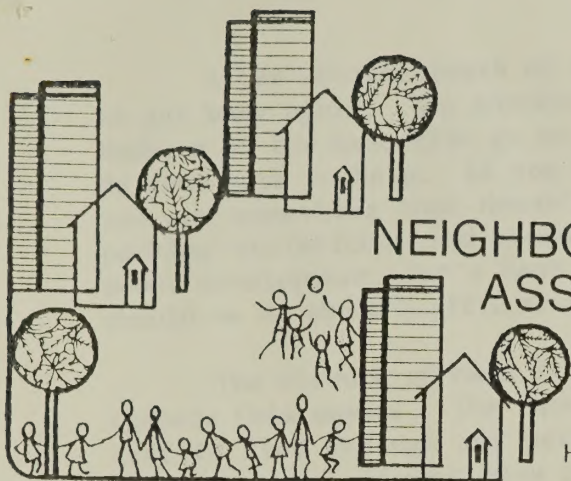
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President: Peter L. Hill

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MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE

check your mailing label

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President's Message

The response to my request in our last newsletter concerning the need for replacements for Executive members who had left the neighbourhood and could no longer serve was very gratifying. I am pleased to report that we have added officially three new members - that's all we could handle at once! Craig Hartley is now our recording secretary, Irene Feddema is our membership co-ordinator, and Trudi Ekvall is our liaison person with the Central Public School Home and School Association. Others volunteered, too, and we thank them for their interest. Eventually we shall be able to take them up on their offers to assist.

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OURAND'S JOURNAL

The purpose of our journal is to provide a means for the expression of our thoughts and feelings. It is a place where we can share our ideas and experiences with others. We hope that this journal will be a source of inspiration and information for all who read it. We welcome your contributions and suggestions. Please send them to the editor, Ourand's Journal, 1000 W. 10th Ave., Hamilton, Ontario. We will be happy to publish them.

After several years of quiet in the Neighbourhood, things have started to get busy again. The contents of this newsletter will convince you of that. Members of the Executive go to meetings to represent our interests but you can do your part to help. If you do not like something, talk to an Alderman. If you see something that doesn't seem right (people blocking alleys, chronic parking violations, and so on) - do the same thing. If you have an opinion about development, let's hear it. Is it all bad, or is some justified. What should we do about traffic routings?

The closure of Main St West will cause traffic to be diverted along our streets this summer. The rebuilding of the James Street access will impact on traffic flow through our neighbourhood too. Attend the public meetings on these matters. If your view remains unstated, no attention will be paid to it!

THE THISTLE CLUB

In September, 1988 the developers of the Thistle Club property applied for a change of zoning to the property because their proposal does not fit precisely into its then current category. After much soul-searching and discussion, your Executive decided to support the application. The Planning and Development Committee agreed with our position and approved the application. A new By-law was created to allow for the change in zoning. However, when the By-law appeared in the Minutes of the Committee, it appeared to us that the concerns we had enumerated were not addressed adequately. You are referred to the last newsletter in which the text of our presentation was printed.

As a result, on your behalf, the Executive filed an objection with the City Clerk to be forwarded to the Ontario Municipal Board which is the reviewing body for such By-law changes. This is the means whereby citizens may appeal decisions of City Council. Our major concern was that the developer and the Planning Department of the City had not agreed on the precise parking needs of the development and the remaining portion of the Thistle Club.

Since our objection, the developer and the Planning and Traffic Departments have been in discussion and they are now apparently in agreement that the number of parking spaces provided will be adequate for the development and the club activities. Our concern about the remaining portion of the Thistle Club possibly having future development rights is covered in a subtle manner, because before any changes can be made it will be necessary to go before the Planning and Development Committee to seek change. This means that so long as our collective memory lasts long enough, the politicians will be reminded of the basis of their current decisions - that the area does not have any rights for added development or residential capacity.

We have been working closely with Herman Turkstra, the developer's legal counsel, the developer and the developer's architect to try to communicate our concerns about the development fitting into the neighbourhood. Peter Hill and Russell Elman had a meeting in mid-February to discuss the exterior values of the building and their feeling is that there is an appreciation of our sensitivities and an attempt will be made to accommodate them.

A copy of the text of our submission to the OMB is attached for your information. Should any members have any comments to make or concerns to raise, they are encouraged to communicate with any member of the Executive.

105 ABERDEEN AVENUE

Anyone who has been reading the newspapers or listening to the news recently cannot have missed the controversy surrounding this property. As this newsletter is being written, the developer has applied for a demolition permit for the property and has indicated his intention to build five new houses on the site.

Your Association has been opposed to both the earlier application for severance of the southerly garden of the property to provide another building site and to the present application for demolition. This situation is a textbook example of what a developer, whose only intent is to make money, can do to a neighbourhood. Some developers have a sensitivity to how neighbourhoods will react to change and they try to ameliorate the impact that their development will have by entering into discussion with neighbours before undertaking any action. Others are not so sensitive; some might say they are totally insensitive.

The Planning and Development Committee voted at its February 1, 1989 meeting to invoke the Planning Act in response to the application for demolition. This means that the developer must show drawings of what is intended to replace the demolished building before a permit for demolition is given. Then the developer has two years to build the intended structure. This prevents the removal of residential units from the market and holding land vacant for long periods of time to make money through inflationary factors.

At an earlier meeting of the Planning and Development Committee, members had turned down a request for conversion of the building into three condominium units. Your Association Executive feels that this decision was taken without sufficient thought of the issues involved here. We now have a situation where the Members of the Planning and Development Committee (all politicians) feel they have been threatened by the developer (they were told that if they didn't approve the condominium idea that the house would be torn down) and the developer is now holding out for "a pound of flesh". Each side has considerable face to lose if it backs down. This is not conducive to compromise and constructive progress.

Unfortunately, it is the innocent people in the neighbourhood who will lose. If the developer gets his way, they are the ones who will have to live with the increased density and twentieth century houses on minuscule lots and Victorian homes in spacious grounds. If the City gets its way, the developer will lose money. Please make your feelings known directly to your local Aldermen, Bill McCulloch and Vince Agro, and please tell us what you think we can represent your interests.

DURAND ARCHIVIST NEEDED

Are you a history buff? Do you clip items from the paper for your own future reference? Do you have a little time to maintain an archival collection for our neighbourhood?

Have you noticed how many articles there have been in the Spectator recently about the Durand neighbourhood? We would like to have these carefully clipped and saved for future reference. Over the years the histories of many of the buildings in Durand have been highlighted, houses have been showcased in the "Houses for Sale" section and news stories about parking and other social issues are frequent.

You can do this from the comfort of your own armchair - no meetings to attend - just do your own thing! If this appeals to you, please write to us telling us so. We shall provide an outline of what we need to have done, how we want them to be catalogued, and so on.

ANNUAL MEETING COMING UP

This is your official notice of our Annual Meeting which will be held on June 12, 1989 at Central Public School. Your executive is still working on the program as this newsletter goes to press but please be assured that it will be one of interest. This is the time that the new Executive Committee is formed and if you would like to serve, please let this interest be known. Write to us (address is elsewhere in this publication).

ST. MARKS CHURCH UPDATE

Your Executive continues to be interested in the future development of the St. Marks Church site at the corner of Hunter and Bay Streets. We have spoken to the chairman of the Church committee charged with the development proposal to suggest that his committee meet with the several groups which have an interest in what happens at that corner. His committee has agreed to meet individually with everyone we suggested, which is a good start to progress in communication, because we did not want to have a confrontative situation develop.

Among those with whom the proposed development will be discussed are the two Ward 2 Aldermen, the two Ward 2 School Trustees, the Central Home and School Association and the school's principal, LACAC, the Planning Department, the Social Services Department, as well as another meeting with the executive of our Association. We hope to have more news as time passes.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Irene Feddema of our Executive recently attended a meeting of Neighbourhood representatives from the Region with members of the Police Department. People were there from Ancaster, Westdale, Corktown, Durand and others. A decision was taken to carry out a survey in April, 1989 to determine what the police call "the fear factor" in Durand. Our neighbourhood is one about which they are particularly concerned and it is in our collective best interests to co-operate as much as possible with them in this endeavour. The intent is to interview people in 500 homes within Durand. So, if you see Irene or one of her volunteer survey team members at your door, please help them. Two or three police constables will also participate.

Armed with the information collected, they will then devise a program that meets the needs of the community. You will be hearing more about this in future newsletters.

MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW DUE FOR 1989

Would you please check the mailing label for your membership expiry date. If it reads, for example, 12 31 88, that means your membership expired on December 31, 1988. Our membership fees are so low that many people pay for two or three years at once. And some even add a small (or occasionally large) donation. For this we thank them!! Our intent is to keep fees as low as possible so that every person can afford to join. We hope that we can represent every economic interest by doing this.

Attachment re: Thistle Club Development

December 12, 1988

NOTICE OF APPEAL

To: The members of the Ontario Municipal Board

On behalf of the Durand Neighbourhood Association Inc. I wish to raise objection to the By-law of the City of Hamilton, Number 88-261, passed by City Council on the 8th day of November, 1988.

This by-law, in effect, allows the owner to apply the rights possessed for the whole property to a portion of it, which is to be developed for the purpose of providing residential facilities for seniors and as a nursing home. Though our Association, which represents several hundred families and individuals in the Durand Neighbourhood, has already indicated its general approval of the development, we did so subject to certain conditions being met. At the Planning and Development Committee meeting at which this matter was discussed we presented our position in writing, a copy of which is attached.

By-law Number 88-261 which was the result of the approval of the re-zoning application does not adequately address our concerns insofar as the future of this site is concerned.

Firstly, it is generally understood that the arrangement for the Thistle Club to purchase the racquets portion of the property will be exercised in due course.

Under the present arrangement, there is no guarantee that the racquets portion will continue to possess rights to those parking spaces currently to be made available to it, and designated for its sole use, after such a sale takes place. We wish to see the number of spaces required under present zoning regulations for the remaining racquets club, as determined by the Planning Department of the City of Hamilton, permanently designated for the sole use of the users of the racquets club, even after such a sale takes place. We had understood that this meant 30 spaces, but now understand that this figure may be incorrect.

One of the major problems currently being faced by our neighbourhood is that of parking due to development of the central business district in the City. Any development which does not address its own total parking requirement adds to this problematic burden.

Secondly, our interest in seeing that the portion of the property to remain as a functioning racquets club be zoned as "open space" or "park" has not been addressed.

We would like to see a revised or amended By-law which clearly identifies the fact that this portion of the property has no development rights and that once the existing non-conforming use ceases to exist that this portion of the property become open space with no future development rights attached to it.

Finally, we question whether the "Thistle Club" should be referred to in the zoning By-law.

Does this mean that, should the club be sold and/or change its name, that the By-law does not apply? We would prefer to see reference made to "a racquets club" or "a recreation club" rather than to the "Thistle Club".

Peter L. Hill M.A.
President

It is a common mistake to think that the purpose of the law is to punish the offender. In fact, the purpose is to prevent the offender from committing the same crime again. The law is a tool to protect society and its members from harm.

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If you know of any friends or neighbours who are not members of the Association and who would like to be, please give them this cover which has an application form on the other side.

Thank you

Your current Executive committee is as follows:

President:	Peter L. Hill
Treasurer:	Janet Snelgrove
Secretary:	Craig Hartley
Membership:	Irene Feddema
Directors:	Trudi Ekvall Russell Elman Sherwood Morrow Graham Snelgrove

Please write to us care of our mailing address if you have any concerns, problems or interests. We prefer to receive things in writing so that your message can be easily circulated among the members of the executive.

REMEMBER We can only act upon or consider your ideas and concerns if you tell us about them.

It is the duty of the President to see that the laws are faithfully executed and it is his duty to see that the laws are not violated.

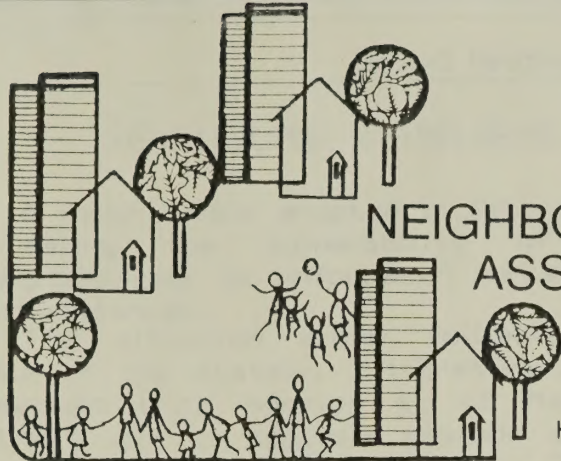
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These are the names of the people who are working in the White House. They are the people who are responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Executive Office of the President.

Respectfully,
John F. Kennedy



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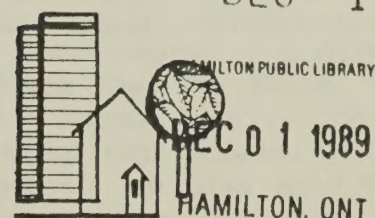
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MANY ISSUES, CHANGES CONFRONT DURAND

65 MARKLAND, ST. MARK'S TOP AGENDA

Since last spring, two issues have dominated the Association's agenda: Redevelopment and possible demolitions at St. Mark's Church (Bay & Hunter) and 65 Markland St. This newsletter reports on these and other topics, including significant changes in the Association's organization.

EXECUTIVE CHANGES

A new executive was elected at the June 12 annual meeting; at a subsequent board meeting there was a change of officers. After three years' of valued service and commitment, **Peter Hill** resigned as President. During this period, he was dedicated to guiding the Association. In spite of an extremely busy schedule, he always found time to represent publicly the interests of the Neighbourhood. His experience and advice is not lost to us as he continues on the Executive as **Past President**. Thank you, Peter.

We also want to express our appreciation for the service given by two other former executive members, **Janet** and **Skip Snelgrove**. For several years both were deeply involved in many activities and their wise counsel will be missed.

The Association's new Directors include **Helene Fallen**, editor of this Newsletter, **Gail Gow**, **Marvin Sheppard**, liaison with Bay-Aberdeen Ratepayers, **Fred Whyte** and **Neil Wickham**; re-elected were **Trudi Ekvall**, contact with the Central Home & School Association, **Irene Feddema**, membership co-ordinator and Neighbourhood Watch liaison, **Craig Hartley**, Secretary-Treasurer, **Sherwood Morrow** and **Peter Hill**. To help preserve continuity, **Russell Elman**, a former Association President, agreed to act as President for the time being.

DURAND PLAN GROUP BACK IN ACTION

A Durand citizens' group set up to advise the City has been reactivated in response to requests by the Association and other concerned residents.

The Durand Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Committee, has met twice this fall after being in limbo for more than a year.

At a Sept. 11 public meeting, it endorsed a South Durand rezoning initiative and backed the resumption of heritage studies.

The Committee wants to ensure that municipal decisions affecting Durand take the new 1988 Neighbourhood Plan into account. The Ward Aldermen have promised to support funding for Planning Department staff support for Committee work in 1990.

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Serious Issues Emerge Over 65 Markland

A major crisis erupted in late spring revealing the vulnerability of the Neighbourhood to unforeseen forces and circumstances.

The situation arose following the sale of the stately, 2 1/2-storey, 105-year-old brick mansion at 65 Markland street and its spacious grounds at the southwest corner of Markland and Chilton Place.

Once the residence of prominent Hamilton businessman John H. Park and later of former Defence Minister S. C. Mewburn, the entire property site has long been considered a single entity and was sold as such by the last occupant-owner. However, the purchaser, who had discovered the property was registered as four "lots of record" based on a subdivision of many years ago, readied the property for resale as separate lots. To make the lots conform to present-day legal requirements for new buildings, he pulled down the two-storey east-side sun porch addition. The property on the corner, now available, was sold to Paul Mazza, who immediately began construction of a house. The rest of the property was sold to Jim Budge.

Variance Requested

Mr. Budge soon after the purchase requested a variance allowing a 14-foot rear yard be approved instead of the required 25 feet to permit him to utilize the rear lot, a long narrow area behind the main house with frontage on Chilton Place. His application to the Committee of Adjustment was opposed by local residents and the Durand Neighbourhood Association because of the potential negative effect on the existing house and the neighbourhood, and it also was inconsistent with the 1988 Durand Neighbourhood Plan. The Committee set aside the application on the grounds it was not a minor variance.

Subsequently, a Durand Neighbourhood Association sub-committee, headed by Susan Shaker, met with Mr. Budge regarding his plans for the house and property, outlining the Neighbourhood's concerns and offering several creative suggestions. None was acceptable to the owner.

Meanwhile, with Mr. Budge's consent, City Council approved designation of 65 Markland as a heritage property under

the Ontario Heritage Act on the recommendation of the Planning and Development and Local Architectural Conservation Advisory (LACAC) Committees. Since then Mr. Budge has demolished the large, early 1900s addition to the home, not included in the heritage designation. He also sold the Chilton lot.

Demolition reactivated

In late October, he reactivated an earlier application for the right to demolish 65 Markland. (Because of the Heritage designation, the house cannot be legally demolished until some months into 1990.)

The fate of the house and future developments on the properties, including the rear Chilton lot, remain uncertain.

What has happened at 65 Markland has raised a number of important issues for the Neighbourhood, with wider implications for the city as a whole. These include the existence, legal status of "lots of record" and the effects on sound, orderly planning.

The 65 Markland sub-committee, in response to these issues, has enlarged its scope. It now is exploring creation of Heritage Blocks. (See separate story)

HERITAGE BLOCKS EXPLORED

As a result of the concern of neighbours in the vicinity of 65 Markland, several meetings have been held to discuss the possibility of creating Heritage Blocks.

Home owners on Chilton Place, Markland street (James to Bay) and MacNab street (Markland to Herkimer) have been given heritage documentation as well as a presentation/discussion evening by Nina Chapple of the City's planning department who works with the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC). Continuing work in this area will lead to a house-by-house survey with the results to be submitted by year's end to LACAC so that this project can be formally studied by the City.

Further information about this project can be obtained by telephoning 529-1703.

-- Contributed by Susan Shaker

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INITIATIVE TO STUDY REZONING OF RESIDENTIAL LOTS SUPPORTED

After many months of work, the Bay-Aberdeen Ratepayers' Association has taken the first formal steps in "downzoning" residential properties to help preserve the character of their area of the Durand Neighbourhood.

A proposal to alter "C" zoning to "B2 (Modified)" in the southern part of Durand now is going through the City's procedural process. The intent is to discourage developers and speculators, by increasing lot-size requirements, from demolitions leading to division of large properties into small lots or from starting unsuitable infill developments.

The suggested new zoning category would change required frontage of lots to 50 (from 40) feet and lot area to 5,800 (from 4,000) square feet. If a house is converted to more than one dwelling unit, each unit must have a minimum 1,200 (instead of 700) sq. ft.

Before Heritage

The Bay-Aberdeen group sees the proposal as "one of the quickest and most global solutions" to the threat posed by developments and a first step in conjunction with longer-term exploration of protection that could be afforded through Heritage designation and the Niagara Escarpment Plan. Fewer lots would possibly be allowed due to the new frontage and area requirements thereby making it a less profitable undertaking; the per-unit space requirement should also prevent homes from being chopped into tiny, multi-unit residences.

The zoning proposal would not affect existing legal conversions (additional units within houses) or existing lots. Furthermore, some provision is to be sought to protect those present homeowners who might be in a position to lose a potential lot without demolishing the existing home on the property.

Area residents appear to have considerable support for the proposal as a majority of those polled signed a petition. The Durand Neighbourhood Association and the Durand Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Committee also back the initiative.

(Based on information from Vida Mazza, chair, Bay-Aberdeen Area Ratepayers)

105 ABERDEEN SAVED

The future of the the large historic house and property at the southeast corner of Bay and Aberdeen (105 Aberdeen) has been safeguarded with its purchase by a single owner.

Ron Weingartner plans to refurbish and live in the stately residence. Another house can still be built on an empty lot on Bay street on the south side of the house

However, Mr. Weingartner's acquisition allays the fears of many in Durand concerning possible demolition and much higher density redevelopment of the property.

JAMES MOUNTAIN ROAD RECONSTRUCTION RE-EXAMINED BY REGION ENGINEERS

Bitter opposition by area residents to a proposal for reconstruction of James Mountain Road has resulted in the Region's adoption for further study of an alternative to make the road one-way, one-lane in keeping with a suggestion by the Durand Neighbourhood Association.

Neighbours, whose property would be affected by the original recommendation for a widening of the road and removal of many trees, initially enlisted the Association's support to request Regional Council to put a hold on the project. Council referred the matter back to the Engineering Services Committee.

The Association, in consultation with residents, developed an alternative, and possibly less costly, approach that would make the road one-lane, one-way basically following the existing alignment. The Engineering Services Committee at its Oct. 10 meeting, decided to ask engineers to study this idea.

The Association also suggested that techniques used to stabilize the road and hillside safeguard the natural environment and that encroachments on adjacent privately- or publicly-owned property be kept to a minimum.

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ROBERT KREISMANIS

With much sadness, we report the death of Board member Robert Kreismanis. Those who worked alongside Bob respected him as a stalwart defender of community concerns and a champion of the rights of individual property owners. On behalf of all members of the Durand Neighbourhood Association, we offer our condolences to his family.

STREETSCAPE PRESERVED AS DURAND SENIORS' HOME EXPANDS

The owners' revised plans for an expansion of the Durand Seniors' Residence at 10 Herkimer street have been approved. A new wing, compatible with the existing structure, is to be built.

As the Durand Neighbourhood Association requested, the original heritage house on the site, previously threatened with demolition, is to remain, thereby maintaining the basic character of the surrounding neighbourhood.

TRAFFIC STUDY SOUGHT

The Durand Neighbourhood Association has requested the support of the Ward Aldermen to implement policies in the new Neighbourhood Plan designed to solve continuing traffic and parking problems.

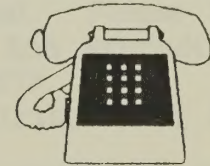
As an initial information-seeking step, a licence plate check has been suggested to determine the origin and destination vehicles on several streets: Aberdeen, east of Queen; Bay, south of Herkimer; and Markland.

In a letter to Aldermen Vince Agro and Bill McCulloch, Carol Mason, who heads the Association's Traffic and Parking sub-committee, wrote:

"Over the past few years, many attempts have been made to seek help to alleviate concerns about traffic within the Durand Neighbourhood, in particular the high volume of through traffic using our inner residential streets. So far the principal and only tangible result has been placement of two stop signs on Markland (at Park and Caroline), a compromise solution with only minimal effect. Predictably, the problems have continued to increase.

"We do not accept that there are no solutions. Indeed, we believe that policies pertaining to traffic (and parking) in the new Durand Neighbourhood Plan, approved by Council at the beginning of 1988, offer some practical remedies."

Mr. Agro has asked Murray Main, Director of Traffic Services, to advise him as soon as possible as to what steps can be taken to carry out the Association's request.



INFORMATION PLEASE!

Municipal

City Hall	526-2700
City Clerk	526-2740
Regional Offices . .	526-4111

Education

Board of Education .	527-5092
Separate School Board	525-2930
Central Public School	522-9690
McMaster University .	525-9140
Mohawk College . . .	575-1212

General

Central Library . . .	529-8111
Community Information	528-0184
Income Tax	522-8671
Post Office	572-2581
Weather	679-4153

Transportation

HSR	527-4411
GO Transit	527-8187
Bus (excl. GO/HSR) .	528-6371
VIA	522-7533

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CHAM (News)	529-6391
CHML/CKDS (News) . .	521-2700
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Spectator (News) . .	526-3420
Hamilton Journal . .	561-1090
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New Uses for St. Mark's Site Considered

In response to requests from the membership, the Durand Neighbourhood Association has organized a Task Force to identify and address the issues involved in the proposed redevelopment of the St. Mark's Church site at the corner of Bay and Hunter streets.

The Task Force, composed of representatives from the community at large, has met twice with the St. Mark's Non-Profit Housing Corporation which plans a 10-storey, 48-unit residence with space on the bottom floors for the Anglican Church Niagara Diocese offices and the preservation of part of the existing building on the site.

Concerns Identified

Matters of concern include:

- *** The density of the building in an area already saturated with high rise/high density structure;
- *** Availability of adequate off-street parking for residents, guests and office personnel;
- *** Additional stress on traffic flow, particularly during rush hours when traffic density already is a problem;
- *** Possible overcrowding at Central Public School arising out of increased enrolment;
- *** Loss of the open, green space at this intersection.

The Task Force, in expressing these concerns, asked the Church to consider relocating to another site. The Church authorities indicated willingness to study this alternative provided a suitable offer is forthcoming.

The City has initiated procedures that could result in municipal funding to purchase the site and is researching different potential uses for the property, including relocation of the Children's Museum or establishment of a Cultural Centre.

Rezoning Application

In the meantime, the Church has applied for a rezoning of the site to permit the combination of office and residential space. The application was to go before the Planning & Development Committee's Nov. 29 (3:30 p.m.) meeting, at which residents could express their views.

The Task Force has asked the

Church, if relocation is not feasible, to address the identified concerns to ensure the project does not jeopardize the quality of living space for existing residents in the surrounding area. The Church has responded to the request to maintain as much green space as possible and the placement of the building on the site, according to revised architectural plans, appears to keep the corner clear for maximum visibility of traffic. However, the plans indicate insufficient provision of on-site parking and that the building exceeds legal density/space requirements.

Input from Durand residents would be most appreciated. Please feel free to consult **Laurel Ann Prociuk**, Task Force Chair, at 523-1633.

-- Material contributed by L. A. Prociuk

OLD BANK OF MONTREAL, SITE FOR REGIONAL HQ?

The Durand Neighbourhood Association has asked Hamilton-Wentworth Region to consider using the former **Bank of Montreal** building (at the corner of Main and James) and the adjacent lot for its new headquarters.

Although the building is privately-owned and there are plans for construction of a residential building next to it, the Association has written to Regional Chairman Reg Whynott suggesting a "public building" on this prominent site would be more appropriate. This "heritage" building, distinguished for both its interior and exterior, combined with a new compatible office block would make a visible architectural statement underlining the importance of the Region in the life of the community. A few years ago the Association supported the City's efforts to save the building from demolition.

Precedents for this type of development include the rehabilitation of the old public library and the proposed conversion of the post office for use as court houses.

A MESSAGE TO ALL IN DURAND!

We are actively seeking wider contacts with other community and civic groups. Within the context of over-all planning in our own the Neighbourhood, we support the Bay-Aberdeen Area Ratepayers' moves to gain additional residential protection through residential zoning changes. The Association has been instrumental in activating the Durand Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Committee, a new citizens' advisory committee established by the City of Hamilton, and continues to participate actively on the Central Area Plan Implementation Committee. In addition, we monitor and attend, as necessary, other committees including the Committee of Adjustment, Planning and Development and LACAC. It is our belief the Association can only act responsibly on the basis of accurate information and knowledge of what is happening.

Our Commitment

The Durand Neighbourhood Association is committed to keeping our members informed. In turn, we ask you to match our commitment by letting us know what concerns you. It is because citizens brought their reservations about the James Mountain Road reconstruction to our attention that we were able to offer a constructive alternative for study by the Region.

In his Presidential Report to the 1989 Annual General Meeting, **Peter Hill** anticipated a major challenge for the new Executive will be membership: "We shall need more members to maintain our credibility and finance our activities. If you can share your concerns with your neighbours and encourage them to join our Association, it would help immeasurably. I urge you all to become personally involved in matters relating to our neighbourhood. Only by collective action can we ensure the survival of what we have."

Let's include in our communication an outreach to those in our Neighbourhood who are not yet members of the Association. All communication lines must be open!

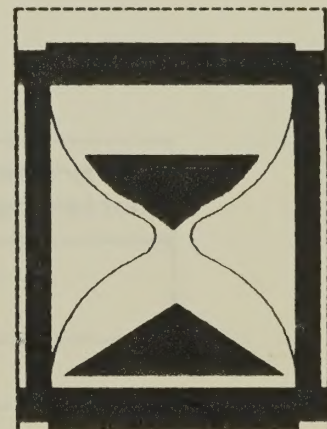
VOLUNTEERS ESSENTIAL

As with many organizations, the Association can only be as strong as its members, all of whom in our case are unpaid volunteers. Without their involvement, we cannot represent effectively our Neighbourhood. For this reason, we are most appreciative of those who have come forward in recent months to provide their active support.

We mention three in particular:

L. A. Prociuk, who heads an Association-sponsored Task Force on St. Mark's Church;

Susan Shaker, who has taken the initiative in coalescing neighbours on the 65 Markland issue and in exploring the creation of a Heritage District; and **Carol Mason**, a former executive member, who heads a sub-committee on Parking and Traffic.



MEMBERSHIPS DUE?

Your membership may be due. Please check the expiry date (the top line of the mailing label). If your membership is in arrears or you wish to renew for 1990, kindly fill in the form on Page 7, enclose your membership dues and send it to:

Durand Neighbourhood Association,
c/o City Clerk,
City Hall, Hamilton, Ont. L8N 3T4.

If you know of any friends or neighbours who are not members of the Association and who would like to be, please give them the form.

DURAND NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION INC.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
(Please Print)

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NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ POSTAL CODE _____ TEL: _____

Membership

Durand Household _____

Non-resident _____

\$5 per year _____

Donation _____

TOTAL _____

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Renewal

New Member

Concerns, Interests
(Please check, write in others)

Concerns

Park Events	Traffic Parking	Neighbourhood Plan	Preservation Restoration
Public Transit	Schools	Public Meetings	

Volunteer

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Ages in households and numbers:

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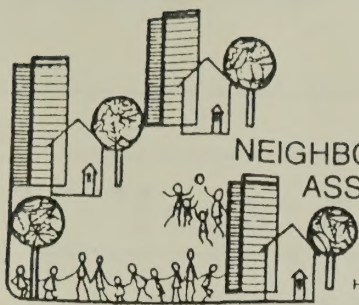
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TRAFFIC MISHAPS SPARK ANGRY PROTESTS

Residents Demand City Hall Action

Irate Neighbourhood residents, no longer willing to tolerate the increasing number of traffic accidents literally on their doorsteps, are taking the fight to the top at City Hall.

Reflecting the seriousness of their concerns, the focus of this Newsletter is on traffic issues. We are pleased to publish an "Urgent Message to Durand" by Carol Mason and a letter written by Dale E. Roy, both Bay St. residents; a summary of key traffic recommendations in the updated Durand Neighbourhood Plan, approved but not implemented by City Council; a report on what is happening on the James Mountain Road front by Marvin Wasserman of Inglewood Drive; and a reminder from our files that as the years go by nothing seems to change.

(Please see pages 2 to 5)

OUR VIEW

The traffic issue has been festering in Durand for more than 15 years. Time and again frustrated citizens and this Association have voiced their concerns. The outcome invariably has been less than satisfactory.

We insist there are workable solutions. Some of these are in the Durand Neighbourhood Plan adopted by City Council in 1988. It is time for the City to follow up with action without delay.

THE ASSOCIATION'S GOAL

To serve and protect the community interests of all residents of the Durand Neighbourhood by:

- * Being knowledgeable and communicating information about plans, policies and actions affecting the Neighbourhood and, when deemed necessary, taking appropriate action to defend the community interests of the Neighbourhood.
- * Supporting construction of high quality new buildings and the maintenance of a substantial supply of housing of all types compatible with the environment of the Neighbourhood.
- * Advocating preservation of older buildings of historical and architectural significance within the Neighbourhood.

Planning Priority Raised for Durand

Strong representations by citizens and various civic advisory groups have resulted in City Hall agreement to give more attention to Durand issues.

The Planning Department's 1990 program includes priority workload allocation for implementation of the updated Durand Neighbourhood Plan.

After being in limbo for more than a year, since last fall four meetings have already been scheduled for the Plan's Implementation Committee. It has decided to concentrate on land use issues (including zoning and heritage) and on concerns about traffic and parking.

Members of this committee have also advocated support for organizing citizens' groups in other Central Area neighbourhoods and closer liaison with other civic advisory bodies to reduce duplication of work and time.

A Clear and Present Danger!

THROUGH TRAFFIC ON OUR STREETS

AN URGENT MESSAGE TO DURAND

There have been four more collisions at the corner of Bay and Markland — all within a two-week period. One, which occurred at 8:15 a.m. while the children were on their way to school, resulted in a vehicle flying across the sidewalk and crashing into the bushes. This brings to five, the total number of accidents at this intersection alone in the past seven months — five in which vehicles have crossed over the sidewalk.

The residents are alarmed and are demanding action. Two years ago City Council, by adopting the new updated Durand Neighbourhood Plan, committed itself to direct all through traffic to the major arterial roads bordering our neighbourhood. This decision, made in conjunction with private citizens, City Hall staff and the politicians, was made to maximize our safety and to improve our quality of life. In two years, no formal initiative has been taken by the City to honour that commitment, and the numerous attempts by residents and your Association to see that action is taken have been generally met with apathy or direct opposition. The situation has continued to deteriorate and now is causing much alarm.

Several residents, feeling it is only a matter of time before a death or serious injury occurs, notified Mayor Morrow of their intention to bring the municipal government before the courts in the event of such a sad occurrence. The mayor responded by scheduling a meeting for Feb. 28 with two of those residents and several key officials at City Hall to discuss the situation. We hope this will result in immediate action being taken to divert through traffic. We feel the Traffic Department should be directed to utilize their engineering expertise to effect a solution. In the past their studies have resulted only in the expression of opinions and solutions insensitive to our concerns and by and large our elected representatives have accepted this state of affairs. It is generally recognized that a good engineer can make a cow fly. An excellent one may do it gracefully.

On Monday, March 5 at 9:30 a.m., there is a public meeting scheduled at City Hall with the Transportation and Environment Committee. We hope the solutions proposed at the earlier meeting with the Mayor and officials will at that time be formally adopted by this committee, but we are not optimistic. Your presence and support at this meeting is crucial. Our elected representatives need to see how concerned you are. Please, if you want to see a change, plan to be there. The result will affect you.

Carol Mason

THROUGH TRAFFIC ON OUR STREETS

AN URGENT MESSAGE TO MARY

There have been too many collisions at the corner of the street and the highway — all within a few years. The danger is not only to the lives of the people who are killed or maimed, but to the property of the community. The danger is not only to the lives of the people who are killed or maimed, but to the property of the community. The danger is not only to the lives of the people who are killed or maimed, but to the property of the community.

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Letters from our ReadersNEIGHBOURHOOD SURVIVAL DEPENDS
ON SOLUTION TO TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

I am writing to express my concern over the volume and speed of traffic passing through our neighbourhood. We recently returned from a vacation to discover a set of tire tracks across our lawn and damage to our hedge and fence. It turns out that there was yet another accident at the intersection of Bay and Markland and one of the cars involved ended up on our lawn.

My wife and I are becoming more concerned since the problem is getting progressively worse and we now have two young children. It seems to me the city really needs to make a decision as to the kind of downtown neighbourhoods it wants.

One option is to give the downtown over to business. Old homes are then converted to offices or razed to make way for more parking and the streets are deserted in the evenings. A number of large American cities have gone this route. A second option is to encourage people to live in the downtown neighbourhoods, and so avoid the after 6:00 p.m. abandoned ghetto, typical of some U.S. cities. The latter requires that the city address the problem of traffic flow through the centre of downtown neighbourhoods. No suburban neighbourhood would tolerate the volume and speed of traffic we are asked to cope with daily.

I and my neighbours have the option of moving out of the city core but this seems shortsighted since it only would mean we would purchase a second car to add to the already congested streets. I think it makes more sense to work towards the protection and nurturing of downtown neighbourhoods. It is to this end that I write this note. I strongly urge the mayor and council to give some thought to these issues since, if American cities are typical, we will soon have the choice made for us.

(P.S. Since beginning this note, another accident has taken place at the same intersection, with more tire tracks across the lawn.)

— Dale E. Roy

JAMES MOUNTAIN ROAD RECONSTRUCTION
DELAYED PENDING DETAILED STUDIES

Mayor Bob Morrow has taken a strong stand that the side of the Mountain should retain its natural beauty and not be sacrificed for road reconstruction.

Appearing before the Region's Engineering Services Committee Jan. 29 on the proposed widening of James Mountain Road, he said the face of the Mountain must be saved and a "go slow" approach must be taken concerning any changes.

Both Ward 2 Aldermen, Vince Agro and Bill McCulloch, indicated their displeasure at the thought of removing trees and making any unnecessary widening of the road. Aldermen Geraldine Copps, John Smith and Dominic Agostino also voiced their objections to the removal of trees and defacing the Mountain Brow.

The Durand Neighbourhood Association, represented by Russell Elman, presented recommendations for a study of one-lane, one-way traffic plus a thorough investigation of alternate Mountain Access routes.

Rev. Charles Forsyth, Chairman of the Central Area Plan Implementation Committee (CAPIC), argued that major road construction must be considered within the context of overall traffic and transportation planning.

There was a large turnout of Durand members and citizens, the majority favoring an alternative solution. Their vigilance and responses influenced the Committee's decision to pass the following resolution:

- (a) that the proposed reconstruction of James Mountain Road be delayed until such time as a study assessing all Mountain Accesses in the City of Hamilton is completed in approximately nine months; and
- (b) that the terms of reference for this study be brought back to the Engineering Services Committee in approximately one month.

The Durand Neighbourhood Association and the James Mountain Road citizens' committee intend to attend future meetings when terms of reference are discussed. It is important that we try to make sure the terms of reference meet our expectations.

— Marvin Wasserman

THE 1988 DURAND PLAN ON TRAFFIC

GOALS — TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC

- * Through traffic should be directed towards arterial roads, and away from residential areas.
- * Changes to traffic flow regulations such as left turn restrictions, direction of traffic flow on arterial roadways, and, if appropriate, reduce the flow of traffic on residential streets.

SERVICES — TRAFFIC

Objective 1 — Redirection of Through Traffic

Durand Neighbourhood occupies a strategic location within Hamilton's transportation network between the downtown and the Escarpment. The traffic system in Durand should be designed to minimize impacts on the residential area, be compatible with pedestrians, desired land uses and other goals for the neighbourhood, while maintaining traffic efficiency and convenience as much as possible.

Policies

1. The existing hierarchy of roadways within the neighbourhood will be reviewed and modified as necessary, to ensure that through traffic is accommodated by arterial roads rather than local residential streets, as much as possible.
2. Various measures will be studied to help reduce the volumes of through traffic on residential streets, including the prohibition of turning movements at several intersections during peak periods.

Actions

1. City Council, in conjunction with the Region and with participation from the public, will request that a comprehensive traffic study be done to determine methods of optimizing the transportation system and reducing through traffic.
2. City Council will request that the existing traffic hierarchy be reviewed and appropriate measures implemented to reduce the amount of through traffic on residential streets. It has been suggested that through traffic be encouraged to use Main, Queen, James and Hunter Streets. The use of Hunter Street to bypass downtown Hamilton will be encouraged. It is recommended that lower volumes of through traffic be directed towards Charlton, Herkimer and the section of Bay Street north of Herkimer. On other streets, such as Hess, Caroline, Aberdeen and Markland, measures will be investigated to help reduce through traffic volumes.
3. City Council will request that the Traffic Department, as part of the proposed traffic study, consider the restriction of turning movements at several intersections during peak hours to reduce through traffic in the neighbourhood. The following are several possible actions:
 - 'no left turns' from northbound on James to westbound on Markland, from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m.
 - 'no right turns' from northbound on Queen to eastbound on Aberdeen, from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m.
 - 'no left turns' from southbound on Queen to eastbound on Aberdeen, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

From Our Files -- 1976

ONE-WAY STREETS SEEN AS A PROBLEM

Toronto Alderman Colin Vaughan (now a CITY-TV political reporter) took a walking tour through the Durand Neighbourhood last summer and concluded the carrot that attracts heavy traffic into the area is the grid of one-way streets. Remove the one-way street system and a major step will be taken to resolving some of the traffic problems was his suggestion to the Association.

... Mr. Vaughan, an architect and outspoken proponent of preserving the residential districts from the onslaught of expressways and rush hour traffic, suggested the answer was not to legislate traffic out of the Neighbourhood but to make it less convenient for the 'through' drivers to use the streets in reaching their destination points.

Toronto solutions

Guest speaker at the Annual General Meeting June 14, he cited some of the attempted solutions and experiences in Toronto and other major cities to curb rampant traffic growth. The placing of obstacles in the streets such as speed bumps, implementing a 'maze' system whereby through motorists would find it disconcerting to attempt to employ the through street system, narrowing the streets and the installation of stop signs at most intersections were some of the methods employed to deter the use of the neighbourhood as a mechanism for getting from point A to point B.

He did not offer a specific plan for Durand but advised that an educational process involving both the City Hall and the public would be necessary if the Neighbourhood wants to stem the ever increasing tide of traffic through its streets. He felt the first step towards a solution was to create an awareness of the problem among residents, politicians, traffic engineers and planners. A simple case of establishing priorities must be accepted by all parties concerned. A sympathetic climate had to be stimulated to achieve a constructive acceptable solution.

(Newsletter — December 1976)

ELECTION PLATFORM

As a service to the Neighbourhood, the Association invited candidates in the 1976 municipal election to submit their views on a number of important issues affecting Ward 2 and the Durand Neighbourhood. They included our 1990 Ward 2 Aldermen and Mayor. At the time, Vince Agro was running for mayor, Bill McCulloch was out to retain his seat as an alderman, and Bob Morrow was seeking re-election to Board of Control. Each of them cited traffic as one of the top three priorities for the Neighbourhood.

Q. "Are you satisfied with existing parking and traffic conditions in Durand? What solutions do you propose?"

AGRO: No. The solution is to make traffic studies with input from the neighbourhood association to protect the residential character of the neighbourhood.

MCCULLOCH: We are working on possible (traffic flow) alternatives such as limiting the time when Markland can be used for turns off James, and the possibility of making Queen two-way to Main, thus reducing somewhat the flow of traffic through Aberdeen and Herkimer to Hess and Bay.

MORROW: No. The solutions must be found by the residents of the Neighbourhood working closely with the elected representatives and the traffic officials at City Hall. I have no magic solutions.

D.N.A. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Durand Neighbourhood Association executive in 1976 recommended four interim proposals to help remedy the traffic situation:

1. No left turn for northbound traffic on James St. onto Markland 7-9 a.m. (Monday to Friday).
2. No entry for traffic (except buses) onto Aberdeen east of Queen 7-9 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. (Monday to Friday).
3. Two-way traffic on Queen between Aberdeen and Barton.
4. A 20 m.p.h. speed limit within the Durand Neighbourhood (except for the peripheral roads).

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS UPDATES

CITY MOVES ON ACQUIRING ST. MARK'S; CHURCH APPEALS ZONING RULING TO OMB

Possible acquisition by the City of St. Mark's Church and parkland by the City has been recommended by the Culture and Recreation Department.

Earlier, the City denied an application by the Anglican Church to rezone the site for a 10-storey combined office and residential building. The Church has appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board.

The St. Mark's Task Force, organized by the Durand Neighbourhood Association to identify and address the issues involved in the proposed redevelopment, thanks all those in attendance at the Nov. 29 Planning and Development Committee meeting for making such a positive presence in demonstrating their concern.

The Task Force, composed of representatives from the community at large, is requesting Durand residents to help the City make its decision to buy the site. It is seeking volunteers to circulate a petition in the Bay/Hunter vicinity in support of the Culture and Recreation department's recommendation.

If you would like to help, please contact LaurelAnn Prociuk at 523-1633 (home) or 664-2447 (work) for further details.

— L. A. Prociuk

NEW REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Design concepts for a new Regional headquarters adjacent to City Hall are being prepared. Receipt of a suggestion by the Association that consideration be given to using the former Bank of Montreal building (at the corner of Main and James) and the adjacent lot has been acknowledged without comment by Regional Chairman Reg Whynott.

65 MARKLAND STANDSTILL

Chances of sparing 65 Markland from demolition dimmed during the past few months as the clock ticked away on the temporary protection given to the stately 105-year-old mansion under the provisions of Heritage designation.

RESIDENTIAL LOTS STUDY RECEIVES GREEN LIGHT

The Planning Department is to study the feasibility of altering "C" zoning of residential properties to "B2 (Modified)" in the Bay-Aberdeen area.

Approval for the investigation was given by the Planning and Development Committee following a public meeting attended by many residents who wish to preserve the character of their area. They want to stem a trend toward subdividing large properties resulting in demolitions and unsuitable infill developments.

The suggested new zoning category would increase lot-size requirements. Frontage would be 50 (rather than 40) feet and lot area would be 5,800 (instead of 4,000) square feet. If a house has additional dwelling units, each unit must have a minimum 1,200 (instead of 700) sq. ft.

The zoning proposal would not affect existing legal conversions (additional units within houses) or existing lots.

MACNAB HERITAGE BLOCK, MARKLAND STUDY BACKED

The first heritage conservation district in the Durand Neighbourhood has been approved for the area bounded by MacNab, Bold, Charles streets and Hurst Place.

The preservation of this historic block brings to fruition a long-held dream of many Association members, who did the groundwork for the project in the 1970s. Special credit should be given to Cynthia Moore, a former Association Board member now residing in Montreal, who painstakingly made the first door-to-door canvassing to encourage property owners to "downzone" their properties.

Meanwhile, steps to create a second heritage district in the Neighbourhood progressed with the City's approval of a study in the vicinity of Markland, MacNab and Chilton Place. The project will involve residents, planning department staff and the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC).

ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

ORGANIZATION RESTRUCTURED

Due to business and other commitments, Trudi Ekvall, Gail Gow, Fred Whyte and Neil Wickham have resigned from the Board of Directors. Mrs. Ekvall will remain as our official liaison with the Central Public School Home and School and Association.

One of the openings has been filled by L. A. Prociuk, chairman of the Neighbourhood Task Force on St. Mark's Church. Her thorough and rational approach to issues confronting the neighbourhood is expected to be valuable to the Board's decision-making process.

A number of others who have been active in the community or who want to become more involved in the neighbourhood met with Board members at a special meeting in January. The wide-ranging informal discussions reinforced the Association's belief the time is ripe to increase membership and to continue a restructuring process, placing more emphasis on widening the scope of our activities through the formation of ongoing committees. Since last summer working committees, most chaired by men and women who are not on the Board, have been formed to deal with Traffic and Parking (Carol Mason), 65 Markland and Heritage District (Sue Shaker), St. Mark's Church (L. A. Prociuk) and James Mountain Road (Marvin Wasserman). A new committee to plan and organize events now is being set up under the leadership of Ed Prociuk; he has many interesting ideas, which will be communicated to our members in due course.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

March 5 (9:30 a.m.)

Durand Traffic (City Hall)

May 8 (7:30 p.m.)

D.N.A. Annual General Meeting
(Details forthcoming)

DON'T FORGET!

WHO WE ARE

The Durand Neighbourhood Association is a non-profit, politically-independent, provincially-incorporated organization. It is financially self-supporting through annual membership dues and (non-charitable) contributions. We are committed to keeping our members informed through our Newsletter and public forums.

The Association is represented on the Durand Neighbourhood and Central Area Plan Implementation committees. We regularly monitor planning, traffic and other issues and participate in meetings and hearings at City Hall affecting our Neighbourhood.

Our history dates back to 1972 when a group of concerned residents organized themselves to try to stem and control a surge of housing demolitions and high-rise development. Their initiative led to establishment of Hamilton's first official neighbourhood plan, followed by creation of Durand Park, the first public green space in the interior of the Neighbourhood.

Over the next 15 years, the Association was actively involved in keeping open and renovating Central Public School, supported appropriately-located commercial developments, backed innovative uses of historic buildings, helped organize a Neighbourhood Watch.

MEMBERSHIPS DUE?

Your membership may be due. Please check the expiry date (the top line of the mailing label). Please fill in the form on Page 7, enclose your 1990 membership dues and send it to:

Durand Neighbourhood Association,
c/o City Clerk,
City Hall, Hamilton, Ont. L8N 3T4.

If you know of any friends or neighbours who are not members of the Association and who would like to be, please give them the form.

DURAND NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION INC.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
(Please Print)

DATE _____

NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ POSTAL CODE _____ TEL: _____

Membership

Durand Household _____

Non-resident _____ \$5 per year _____

Please Check

Renewal

Donation _____

New Member

TOTAL _____

Concerns, Interests
(Please check, write in others)

Concerns

Park Events	Traffic Parking	Neighbourhood Plan	Preservation Restoration
Public Transit	Schools	Public Meetings	

Volunteer

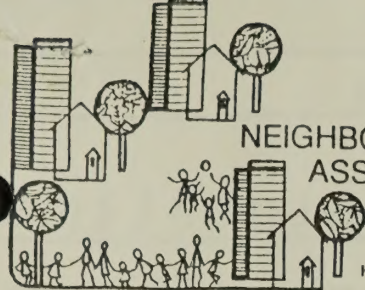
Helping with Special Events	Newsletter Presentation	
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Ages in households and numbers:

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The 1990s

DURAND'S DECADE OF CHALLENGE

A Focus on Change

The Durand Neighbourhood once more is at a crossroads. Whether it remains a viable, desirable place in which to live in the centre of the city will be determined by the policies and initiatives adopted during the next few years.

The spectre of new development pressures, mounting traffic and parking congestion on our residential streets and heightened fears about personal and property security have increased apprehension about the future.

There is a growing sense of urgency that the shape of our neighbourhood must be fashioned by its residents the way they want it — NOW, before it is too late.

At this year's Annual General Meeting, the Association's Board of Directors will outline the major areas of concern. Residents will then be invited to discuss and explore the directions the Neighbourhood should take in the 1990s.

NEW EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Lillian Vine and Gerard Dion have been appointed to fill vacancies on the Association's Executive. Residents of the north end of the Neighbourhood, both have long experience in community activities.

Mrs. Vine was for many years the elected Trustee for Ward 2 on the Board of Education and was also previously on the Association's Executive. Mr. Dion is a former President of the Central Public School Home and School Association.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

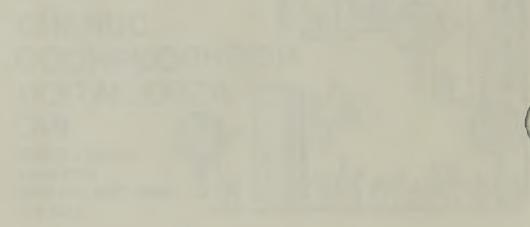
Tuesday,
May 8,
1990

Central
Public
School

7 p.m.
Coffee
& Dessert

7:30 p.m.
Meeting
Begins

Members
& Non-
Members
Welcome



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DUHARD'S DECADENCE OF CHALLENGE

A Focus on Change

The Duhard Foundation has been a major force in the development of the field of environmental education. Its efforts have been directed towards the development of a national network of centers and the establishment of a national curriculum. The Foundation has also been instrumental in the development of a national network of centers and the establishment of a national curriculum.

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Welcome

Hamiltonians Speak Out

"The Way Durand Is . . . Should be"

At the invitation of the Durand Neighbourhood Association, a number of individuals with a strong interest in the community were asked to express their views on what they consider the most pressing issues facing the Neighbourhood. This is what they had to say:

Rev. John Johnston, MacNab Presbyterian Church and Ward 2 School Trustee:

Our streets are becoming clogged with parked cars. Off-street parking no longer can meet our needs. This is a detriment aesthetically and if you can't park near your home, it affects the liveability of the Neighbourhood.

Central Public School must remain strong and functioning which means that there must be more family accommodations in the neighbourhood, including rental property that welcomes young families. Central School is of value not only for its history but because it encourages Durand's rare mix of ages and social levels.

Joanne Feyerer, owner since 1979 of Jewels Verne, James Street South:

We need an improved shopping district -- a return to the kind of interesting shops that have staying power and would attract the general Hamilton public as well as Durand residents. Adequate parking must be available for shoppers, businesses and residents and for the GO train.

Steve Smith, TV writer and performer who recently moved into Durand:

We must preserve the special characteristics that made us choose this area for our home rather than other places: the historic houses, the spaces between them, the minimal traffic, the sense of community, all within walking distance of Hamilton Place.

Trudi Ekvall, parent, active member of Central Public School Home & School Association:

My concern is for the general safety of the Neighbourhood, of course, but the most pressing problem is dealing with the traffic on Bay Street. There have been eight accidents since January, several at the Bay-Markland intersection with some cars crashing on the sidewalk and front lawns. I'm frightened for the safety of kids walking to school and for the rest of us who use the street.

Ed Shaker, lawyer and past president, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce:

We must retain the integrity of the Neighbourhood. We need to find creative uses for some of the larger buildings. Some might be used as headquarters for non-profit organizations or special boards.

Frances O'flynn, public relations, Hamilton General Hospital:

The qualities that make Durand and other Hamilton neighbourhoods special in the face of pressures to develop must be retained. Rental buildings must be maintained along with the older houses and big trees, which encourage that neighbourhood feeling.

We must also have concern for the surrounding neighbourhoods, including the James Street North area and the Waterfront, which I can see from the balcony of my apartment building. We must avoid the mess Toronto has made of its waterfront, hidden by highrises.

Brian C. Decker, publisher:

As best as I can remember, we chose to live in Durand because of the beautiful neighbourhood, value, security, architecture, mature trees. Preserving these features in the coming decades is the mission for the Neighbourhood Association as I see it.

To this end, re-routing traffic is an essential strategy. Safer roads, enhanced property value, preservation of heritage are the dividends sought. . . . Other strategies are important to our neighbourhood; however, the increasing volume of traffic and the willingness of local officials to subordinate our interests to those of commuters represent the greatest threat to us.

Russell Elman, president, Durand Neighbourhood Association:

The Durand Neighbourhood is officially recognized on the City map and is high in the consciousness of City Hall. We now need to incorporate this political reality into our daily lives so that all residents of Durand share this sense of community.

We should be protecting what is good in our neighbourhood and searching for new ways to make it better. One way to achieve this is by encouraging more active involvement in our Neighbourhood Association and the activities and events it sponsors.

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS UPDATES

TRAFFIC CHANGES, STUDY ENDORSED BY COMMITTEE

Strong protests by Durand residents have led to the City's reassessment of traffic patterns in the Neighbourhood. The Transportation & Environment Committee approved an examination of short-term improvements and a longer-term study of vehicular flow on residential streets.

The action was taken following presentation of a brief by Carol Mason, chairman of the Association's Traffic Sub-committee, and interventions by other residents and the Ward aldermen.

The Traffic Department has undertaken to give prompt attention to traffic in Durand. Meanwhile, the Association will continue to monitor the situation, particularly the effects of the four-month closure of the Highway 403 Main Street West off-ramps.

HERITAGE DISTRICT STUDY AWAITS FUNDING APPROVAL

Various funding proposals are being explored to speed up the required formal study prior to establishing the MacNab-Markland area as a Heritage District within the Durand Neighbourhood. Although the study has been approved, City Hall budget restraints have delayed its start.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR DURAND

A new Association sub-committee, headed by Ed Prociuk, has been formed to plan and organize community events in the Durand Neighbourhood. Activities under consideration include concerts in Durand Park, Neighbourhood Walk-Abouts, August Civic Holiday Celebrations.

Please let us know if you have any good ideas. We'll keep you posted about what's happening.

POLICE SEEK CLOSER LIAISON WITH DURAND NEIGHBOURHOOD

The Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Police are seeking a closer relationship with the Neighbourhood. Discussions have been held with a number of Durand residents to elicit their views on crime and other matters affecting security of individuals and property prior to establishing more formal links.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH SITE REDEVELOPMENT ON HOLD

Plans to redevelop the St. Mark's Church site at Bay and Hunter remain in limbo.

No date has yet been set for an Ontario Municipal Board hearing of the Anglican Church's appeal of the City's rejection of its proposed plans to build a 10-storey combined office and residential building.

Meanwhile, the initial steps have been taken towards the City's ultimate purchase of the property for park and/or cultural purposes but City Council has not given final approval nor has an agreement been concluded between the City and the Church.

PROPERTIES IMPROVED CONGRATULATIONS!

Among the many renovations in the Neighbourhood, we wish to make special mention of two apartment buildings whose external changes have resulted in a much more attractive streetscape: Caroline Street South (adjacent to Zak's) and the Hurst Place Apartments.

MEMBERSHIPS

We appreciate the renewal and new membership response following the March Newsletter. If you have not yet renewed your membership for 1990 or wish to join the Association, please fill out the form on the back page and use the reply envelope.

DURAND NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION INC.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
(Please Print)

DATE _____

NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ POSTAL CODE _____ TEL: _____

Membership

Durand Household _____

Non-resident _____

\$5 per year _____

Please Check

Renewal

Donation _____

New Member

TOTAL _____

Concerns, Interests
(Please check, write in others)

Concerns

Park Events	Traffic Parking	Neighbourhood Plan	Preservation Restoration
Public Transit	Schools	Public Meetings	Other

Volunteer

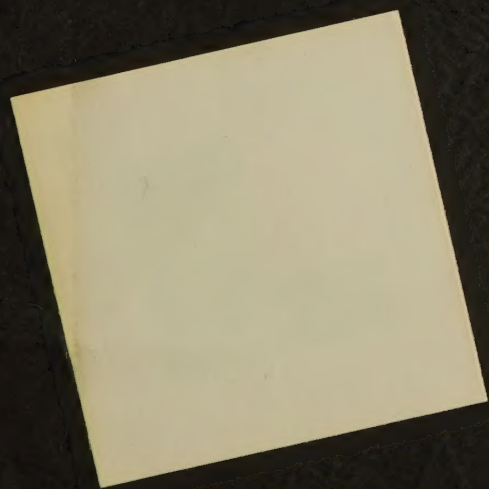
Helping with Special Events	Newsletter Presentation	Other
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Ages in households and numbers:

0-10	11-20	21-50	50+
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